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Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

Germany

Stuttgart, West Germany.-Several local Jews joined this reporter at the luncheon table in the Kosher restaurant at Spitalstrasse 36, operated by the city's Jewish Community Council. It was the weekend von Thadden's NPD was about to open its congress. Of course, these survivors of the Nazi holocaust were perturbed; it wouldn't be natural for them to remain serene in the face of such provocation.

In the streets boys were selling the neo-Nazi "National Zeitung". Its headline: Israel Commands, We Follow. (The paper is an exact replica of Goebbels' Angrif.)

An acquaintance brought a copy to the table. The topic under discussion was, will the NPD be able to hold its congress in Stuttgart or not? The city government refused them the right and for a moment it seemed they would have to go elsewhere.

What happened was exactly what I had predicted: the Party would hold its congress; it probably would elect fifty members to the new German Bundestag; it would continue to terrorize the traditional parties. Why? Because a minority in West Germany within the Establishment was committing the same error which brought about the downfall of the Weimar Republic.

Instead of giving teeth to the law in order to bite away this cancer, they were appeasing, especially in this election year, von Thadden and his lunatic fringe. They were applying THE LETTER of the law to neo-Nazis and former Nazis as had a supreme court judge in West Germany last week by exonerating a World War II criminal on technical grounds.

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I also told these survivors what many liberal Germans concerned with the situation had expressed in conversation in Bonn, Berlin and Frankfort.

This new generation of Germans, of which two members of the present government are its most eloquent spokesmen, demands an active suppression of all neo-Nazi manifestations and the absolute annulment of the Statute of Limitations for Nazi criminals. These men are the Christian Democrat Minister of Interior, Dr. Benda, who demands an absolute ban of the NPD, and the Socialist Minister of Justice, Prof. Ehmke, who would eliminate completely the Statute of Limitations with regard to Hitler's killers.

However, this is an election year in Germany and some people in the Government do not want to lose votes. I told them that if they weren't ready to lose any electoral support and be ready to sweep aside this gang from West Germany, they might lose the goodwill the country still needs despite its economic affluence.

West Germany's foremost magazine, Der Stern, quoted me on this issue. I'd like to repeat here, for the record, hart of it: "Politically many Germans still have remained children. They believe that others will fight their battles."

Many German friends of the new generation—and the new generation in West Germany belongs to the most idealistic in Western Europe—told me: Please don't stop writing about the necessity of taking action against this gang. For many of our elder statesmen forget that tolerance of these dogs again may bring calamity upon Germany. Moscow is watching these events and some of us wouldn't be surprised if it were discovered they are supporting the Nazi extremists in order to prove that Germany has not changed.

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Germany has changed. But there are those who believe that it is wiser not to act in of its fledgling democracy. For one must understand that any progress made by the neo-Nazis in Germany is a threat to no one else but to Germany itself. Too many forget it was Hitler who brought about the present situation—the division of Germany, the Berlin wall and the hopelessness to achieve reunification within the foreseeable future. A free hand to the NPD and the application of the Statute of Limitations to Nazi criminals—or such technical tinkering with the law as was the case of the judge last week who allowed a killer to go free—is playing into the hands of the enemies of the rebirth of German democracy.

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The liberal Germans are concerned. They do not understand why, for example, some of their best friends, including a few in the Jewish community, are not more outspoken against the manifestations of neo-Nazism.

For instance, the World Jewish Congress—which does not represent world Jewry and which is Dr. Nahum Goldmann's personal instrument of public relations since he was demoted as president of the World Zionist Organization—advised "Jewish organizations that German public opinion would react adversely at this stage to Jewish pressure."

I am a friend of German democracy. I do not believe in racism. I abhor the theory that all Germans are guilty. Still, to quote Germany's Minister of Justice, the German nation must liquidate this gang forever in order to prove that it is not collectively responsible for what happened.

To say, as had Goldmann's World Jewish Congress outfit in a secret circular, that "German public opinion would react adversely" may apply to one segment of German public opinion: those nostalgic for "die alte Zeiten".

They are a minority. Some of them have a great deal of money. They will not coerce me into remaining quiet nor do I believe that the Canadian Jewish Congress should regard this circular of the World Jewish Congress seriously.

Nahum Goldmann made a statement a few years ago, that he missed the boat during World War II in the effort to rescue the Jews of Europe; he admitted an "error" which cost us only six million.

I do not begrudge him the banquets for his brilliant leadership. But please, let him cease speaking for Israel (the Israeli Government asked him this so many times); let him keep his paid publicity boys away from Jewish organizations elsewhere, including Canada.

I hope the Canadian Jewish Congress will join the liberal forces in West Germany, including the German Minister of Justice, The German Minister of Interior and the newly elected President of West Germany, in a strong demand that Bonn find a way to try ALL Nazi criminals so that the reconciliation between the People of Survivors and the Germans become a fact.

MOSCOW FOR POMPIDOU

POHER REJECTS TIES WITH IRAQ

Meet with French Jewish leaders on election issues

FRENCH REDS ORDERED TO VOTE FOR GAULLIST

by the CJN diplomatic editor

The Paris news weekly L'Express, the most authoritative French magazine, reports in its issue of May 25th that the Soviet Ambassador to France, Valerian Zorine, told the French Communist leader Waldeck Rochet, flatly that in the second round, when the die is cast between Pompidou and Poher, the Communists should vote for Pompidou.

This secret instruction to the French Communist Party makes the second round of the French presidential election closer than expected. The chances of Pompidou's obtaining Communist support are greater while Poher would have to rely completely upon the Socialist and non-Communist left vote.

L'Express, probably the best informed French publication, stated:

"The Soviet (leading) newspaper, Pravda, has not made a secret of it whereas the Ambassador of the USSR in France, Valerian Zorine, said the same in private conversation: the USSR is less concerned about the condition of the French working class than by considerations of Soviet strategy; it will do everything possible so that Pompidou obtain the support of the hesitant, French Communist voter."

This position of the Soviet Government became clear following two developments reported by polls:

* Although Pompidou may obtain a larger vote in the first round next week, he cannot get the absolute majority to become president then. There will be a new election between the two candidates with the most support: Alain Poher and Georges Pompidou.

* The Soviet Government was concerned because another poll showed that seventy-five percent of the Communists would prefer, in the second round, the liberal Poher to the Gaullist Pompidou.

While the majority of the French workers would support Poher in the second round, the Soviet Government primarily is interested in having the French Government continue De Gaulle's "neutralist" and "independent" foreign policy.

This means that Pompidou both would owe the Communists a political debt and would not change essentially De Gaulle's policies regarding the United States and the Middle East.

During the last few days of the election campaign, diplomatic observers have noted that Pompidou has begun to stress again the necessity for France to remain "independent" in the field of foreign policy.

On the other hand, Pompidou has received for discussion the head of the Paris Jewish community-organization (Consistoire), Jean-Pierre Elkann.

According to well informed sources, Pompidou, who once was manager of the Rothschild bank, tried to impress upon several of his close Jewish friends that he could not disengage himself at this moment from De Gaulle's Middle East policies in public. Should he do so, he is reported as having said, he would lose the support of the leftist De Gaullist, Capitant, a very influential politician and former Cabinet Minister and that of the die hard Gaullists such as the present Prime Minister de Murville and Foreign Minister Michel Debré.

However, Alain Poher continued openly to support the position that the anti-Israeli embargo must end, that he would invite the Israeli Prime Minister to Paris on an official visit if he is elected, "in order to reestablish the cordial alliance between Israel and France."

It also is reported that a member of a Jewish delegation tried to placate Poher by telling him Jews would not expect the end of cultural relations with Arab countries such as Iraq once the embargo is raised.

This angered Poher who said, "Cultural links with Iraq? We shall tell them that our stock of hanging groups has run out."

Poher's election also depends upon the last minute switch of the Socialist vote, the attitude to be taken by Gaston Deferre, Socialist candidate, and his nominee for prime minister, Pierre Mendès-France.

Veteran Socialist leader Guy Mollet is said to be considered by Poher as prime minister if Poher wins the election. Mollet is a committed friend of Israel. He played a leading role in the Suez Campaign of 1956.

TRUDEAU WITH ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR.-The Prime Minister is shown here with the Israeli envoy Ephraim Evron with whom he discussed the international situation. Mr. Evron told The Canadian Jewish News he was very much impressed by the Prime Minister's profound understanding of Israel's position and of his desire to continue the traditional friendship between the two countries.

RECEIVED JEWISH DELEGATION

Last Monday leading members of the Canadian Jewish Congress representing many communities submitted a brief to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Ottawa requesting that any legislation based on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism be founded on a concept of complete equality of all citizens in Canadian society irrespective of origin.

The Congress brief covered the following issues: Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism; Immigration; Legislation to Combat Hate Propaganda; Human Rights; War Criminals in Canada; Claims against Poland by Canadian Citizens; Income Tax Postal Rates; Jewish Communities in Eastern Europe; West German Statute of Limitations; United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Israel and the Middle East.

At the same meeting, the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada submitted a brief on the Middle East and Israel.

The Congress delegation was headed by Monroe Abbey, Q.C., CJC president.

Goldmann Israel's problem

ATTACKED BY MEIR, RABIN

exclusive CJN report

While the Big Four negotiations on the Middle East are breaking up, (U.S. Secretary of State Rogers admitted "fundamental differences") Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the paper organization called World Jewish Congress, is opening an office in Washington to promote his own peace movement.

Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhaq Rabin, complained last week to his government about this self-appointed spokesman for the Jewish people and Israel. Also leading Jewish personalities were told not to cooperate with Goldmann in this area.

Prime Minister Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told Goldmann to desist from further action, but to no avail.

(For other Goldmann doings, see Commentary on this page.)

THE BOSS GIVES ORDERS.-Valerian Zorine, Soviet Ambassador to France, tells Communist leader Waldeck-Rochet Russia expects Reds to support the Gaullists. French polls, however, say workers will vote for Poher in the second decisive round.

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"DON'T LEAVE!"

New York (JCNS).- The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, has called on all Jews to "hold tight" and not abandon Jewish neighborhoods on which Negroes are encroaching and which are threatened by black militants.

Rabbi Schneerson said that his headquarters, the center of the world's Lubavitcher Hasidim who number about 300,000 would remain in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn where Negroes are settling rapidly. This area borders upon the completely black Ocean Hill-Brownsville section, scene of the disturbance between Jews and black militants during the recent school strike.

Jews must not "feel insecure or have an inferiority complex," the Rebbe said. He pointed out that Jews may not put other Jews in danger by isolating them through leaving their neighborhoods or causing them financial loss because of diminished business.

There has been a flight from the cities to the suburbs and from one neighborhood to another not only in the New York area but throughout America as Negroes and Puerto Ricans move in.

The centers of St. Louis, Missouri and Newark, New Jersey, among many other cities, have been virtually depleted of Jews and other whites who come into them from the suburbs only during working hours.

One Hasidic group from the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn has taken steps to solve the problem by creating a village of their own about fifty miles from the city, complete with schools and shops. Industries are planned.

TORONTO DEDICATES NEWEST SANCTUARY

Beginning tonight, Friday, May 30th, a ten-day celebration will commence in honor of Beth Jacob Synagogue, one of Toronto's oldest orthodox congregations, which will dedicate its new sanctuary. Special services will be held.

Tomorrow Sisterhood will serve a kiddush buffet following Sabbath morning services. The teenagers will take over at Mincha, afternoon prayers, and continue through the evening when there will be singing and dancing at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday morning, after services, Brotherhood will serve breakfast.

Then the big moment. At 11:00 a.m. the congregation will escort the Torah Scrolls which were in the safekeeping of Louis Waxman during construction. Thence the group will proceed to the home of Rabbi Moses J. Burak, spiritual leader of Beth Jacob, and on in song and dance to the synagogue.

The formal dedication in the sanctuary will take place at 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld of New York, vice president, Rabbinical Council of America.

The huge dedication banquet will be held on the following Sunday evening, June 8th, when guest speaker will be The Hon. Mr. Justice Abraham H. Lieff.

The new sanctuary is the third in the congregation's sixty-five-year history. Founders of the synagogue were Polish Jews. Their first spiritual "home" was acquired in 1905 at 17 Elm Street. It was called The Russo Polish Jewish Synagogue Bais Jakov Anshei Poland. When membership grew and the building became inadequate, they moved to Henry Street in 1910 where they remained for forty years. By then the name of the synagogue was known as Beth Jacob Congregation.

The next move was to the suburbs where the shul merged with the Shaarei Emunah Synagogue of Downsview, founded in 1955 by the well known Talmudic scholar Rabbi Abraham Parshan: the Beth Jacob on Overbrook and Wilmington.

Arie L. Greenberg is its president; Morris Weinles heads Brotherhood; Faye Goldman presides over Sisterhood.

Pictures and schedule inside.

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Increase for Montreal Jewish day schools

The Government of Quebec has raised its subsidy to the Jewish Day Schools of Montreal by twenty percent, from $300 of last year to $350 a year per student.

The Committee for Jewish Education in Montreal was informed of this decision by the Quebec Government. Nine Jewish Day Schools will benefit by this increase. (See editorials, Quebec, page 4)

NEW SPIRITUAL LEADER IN TORONTO. - Rabbi Meyer H. Berglas, who will be installed as spiritual leader of Toronto's well known orthodox Synagogue, Shaarei Tefillah, at a gala weekend, June 6th through 8th, when the congregation marks its Chai (18th) anniversary.

Rabbi Berglas, who received his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in mathematics from Yeshiva University and was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, comes to Shaarei Tefillah from New York, where he served as rabbi of the Lido Beach Jewish Center.

Rabbi Berglas, who also holds a Master of Hebrew Literature degree from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva and a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology from Columbia University, served as head advisor to the Torah leadership seminars sponsored by the Community Service Division of Y.U. for Teenagers and University students throughout the United States and Canada; he was Chaplain to the Jewish War Veterans of Long Beach, New York; has lectured to Adult Education, Yavneh, University and Youth groups.

MARCHAND WILL ADDRESS CJC RALLY

The Hon. Jean Marchand, Federal Minister of Regional and Economics Expansion, will be guest speaker at the luncheon session of the Eastern Region Conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress, this Sunday, June 1st, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Theme of the conference is: Partners in Tomorrow. Topics of concern to the Montreal Jewish community will be discussed. More than 500 delegates representing major Jewish organizations in the city are expected to attend.

Sessions open at 10 a.m. The first will deal with: Youth of Today -- Projection for Tomorrow. College students will comprise the panel: Julius Grey; Sheldon Shreter; Emmanuel Kalles. Presiding at this session will be Rabbi Leonard Poller, chairman, Youth Committee, Eastern Region, CJC.

After lunch a plenary session will take place on the Jews in the USSR, addressed by Rabbi Bernard Poupko of Pittsburg.

Closing session will feature, The State of Israel, with an address by the Israeli Ambassador to Canada, Ephraim Evron.

Chairman of the conference arrangements committee is Michael Marchand.

HEBREW CALENDAR
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WITH THE TROOPS AT THE FRONT

by Israel Neumann, Tel Aviv

While the politicians may argue for their own good reason that there is no imminent danger of war in the Middle East, for many thousands of Israeli soldiers, particularly those who face daily barrages from Egyptian artillery across the Suez Canal, the war already has started even though it falls very far short of the total engagements well known from the past.

The Egyptians are using the tactics developed by the Soviet Army during the Second World War: massive bombardment with hundreds of guns, the shells often falling indiscriminately, the intervals between each bombardment being filled with sniper fire.

A visit to the Canal zone illustrated clearly that, despite the extent of the Egyptian barrage, hardly any damage had been done to the Israeli fortifications on the east bank. Few of Israel's casualties have occurred among men taking cover in the well constructed shelters.

President Nasser's claim to have destroyed sixty percent of the "Barlev Line" is patently absurd. But then, also, the freshly dug graves in Israel's military cemeteries hardly support Moshe Dayan's description of the Egyptian shelling as "fireworks".

Indeed, as his latest warning to the Egyptians indicates, the Defense Minister no longer holds this view.

What is without doubt is the excellent morale of the troops at the Suez Front. Much of this is due to the care, clearly demonstrated by senior and junior officers for their men.

When the commander of the Southern Front, Mayor-General Yeshayahu Gavish, visits the lines, his concern is as much for the feeding and postal arrangements as for the military situation.

Morale is also based, as it always has been, on confidence in Israel's future. While the troops are living with the new experience of being a long way from home and getting leave only once a month, they also share the enhanced feeling of security which the distant front has created.

"We are much nearer Cairo than the enemy is to Tel Aviv," they frequently point out. And for the men on the front, Beersheba has become "the far north."

For the officer in mid-career, the situation is more complicated than for the youngster doing his period of military service. One officer explained: "I am here on duty, constantly busy, and there's seldom time to sit down and think about my wife and children.

"For them life is much harder. My wife has to be tough as steel to cope with the endless worry and separation. I can only hope she will be strong enough.

"As for my children, the best I can hope is that they will grow to be normal human beings, without too many complexes."

Occasionally visits home spark feelings of bitterness. As one puts it: "Seeing people living in Tel Aviv as if everything was normal creates some perplexity.

"Sure, we want people to enjoy their lives, but when you stand on the road waiting for a lift and no one stops for you, then you begin to wonder. Aren't those men behind the wheel the ones we are risking everything for?

"And then those advertisements in Tel Aviv offering the public such a choice of entertainment. Why do none of the actors bother to come down here and give us some entertainment too? Aren't we worth it?"

There is no pretense at being supermen. "We all had to get used to the dangers. Everyone is frightened at first when the Egyptians' guns open up. You just get used to it. The Egyptians often start firing at about three in the afternoon when the sun is behind them and it is glaring into your eyes."

It is the Israeli artillery, something of a "forgotten" service until the Six Day War which now bears the brunt of Egyptian fire.

Unlike the infantrymen who can take cover in the shelters, the gunners are not only exposed to enemy shelling and sniping but are strenuously engaged around the clock.

They are also subject to strict orders. They cannot, like the Egyptians, loose off a salvo when and where they wish despite the provocation. They are aware of the fact and they will tell you that each shell costs a lot of money.

EMINENT GUEST AT ISRAEL BONDS RECEPTION. - Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz (left), who will be guest of honor at a reception tendered by Alex and Harry Rubin, general co-chairman of Toronto's 1969 State of Israel Bonds Campaign, this coming Thursday, June 5th, at the home of Harry Rubin (right). Dr. Schwartz, as chief executive officer of the World Israel Bonds Organization, will report on behind-the-scenes developments in Israel, having just returned from private talks there with Prime Minister Golda Meir and the Israeli Cabinet.

PARTICIPANTS AT ANNIVERSARY DINNER. - Dr. Samuel Rothberg (left), a founder of the Israel Bonds Organization and National Campaign chairman for the United States, also chairman of the Board of Governors of Jerusalem's Hebrew University which conferred upon him recently the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy, who, with Alex Rubin (right), Toronto general campaign cochairman with his brother Harry, will take part in the program of the 21st anniversary dinner of the State of Israel, Wednesday evening, June 11th, at Toronto's Inn on the Park. Sponsors: the National Honorary Societies of Israel, Toronto State of Israel Bonds.

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MASADA REVISITED

by Geza Vermes

The excavation of the rock-fortress of Masada under the direction of Yigael Yadin is a splendid success story of expert and amateur endeavor. The discovery of Herodian palaces, of Biblical and other manuscripts and of relics of the final Jewish resistance is bound to fascinate scholar and layman alike.

But above all, the courageous tenacity of the Zealot defenders in the face of the enormous and professional military power of imperial Rome, known previously only from Josephus's report but at last made real and tangible by the archaeologists, cannot cease to be moving and inspiring.

Moshe Pearlman, following Yadin's book, Masada, and relying on its factual and interpretative information, has written a most lively and well illustrated account of this sensational dig.

He describes one after the other the characters, ancient and modern, appearing in the story. The astonishing competent architects of Herod are brought before us, the men who, despite seemingly insurmountable difficulties, constructed on top of an almost inaccessible rock towering 1,300 feet above the western shore of the Dead Sea magnificent palaces, fortifications, water installations, and even luxurious baths.

We are introduced to the 960 Jewish men, women and children, the Zealot followers of Eleazar ben Ya'ir, who, even after Jerusalem, Herodium and Machaerus had fallen, continued their obstinate and hopeless struggle against the victorious Tenth Fretensis Legion and thousands of other troops marshalled below them by the Roman general, Flavius Silva.

A few pages depict that most controversial figure, Flavius Josephus, of priestly descent but Pharisee by inclination, rebel general but traitor to the Zealot cause, whose history of the Jewish War in seven books ends with the Masada drama in 73 C.E.

We encounter also Yadin at work, ingenious and fortunate as ever, assisted by fellow archaeologists, the Israeli Army and volunteers, young and old, Jewish and Gentile, from Israel and 28 other countries.

The reader can follow, as it were, with his own eyes the progress of the excavation, the discovery of buildings, coins, the synagogue constructed by the Zealots (the oldest known apart from that of Qumran), scroll fragments from Deuteronomy, Ezekiel, Jubilees, Ben Sira, potsherds with names inscribed on them, including that of the commander, Ben Ya'ir.

The signs of approaching doom are made visible: the ramp, that astonishing engineering feat by which the unconquerable stronghold is conquered; the traces of the fires lit by Zealot hands to deprive the Romans of their booty; the bodies of the defenders who, once the wall was breached, chose to kill their families and each other rather than expose their women to abuse, their children to slavery and themselves to indignity, torture and shameful death.

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OUTGOING AND INCOMING PRINCIPALS.-Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum (left), who has announced his retirement to the Board of Directors as Principal of Toronto's Eitz Chaim Day Schools, and Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, appointed by the Board as principal, replacing Rabbi Nussbaum.

Rabbi Weinberg, at Eitz Chaim since 1958, taught in the Day School until his appointment as principal of the General Studies Department in 1966. He was ordained at the Telshe Yeshivah in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1948, received his BA in History at the University of Windsor, has two-and-a-half years of post graduate credit in the field of education at the University of Toronto and is working towards his PhD.

Rabbi Nussbaum is well known as author of the curriculum for Day Schools which has been adopted as one of the official curricula of the Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, representing more than 349 schools in Canada and the United States, with a total enrolment of over 71,000 students.

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BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

His theories on sex controversial

REFLECTIONS
UPON A SINKING SHIP
by Gore Vidal
Little, Brown and Company
255 pp.

For those of you who watch television Gore Vidal is the gentleman who debated with William Buckley on ABC during the Republican convention last year. One of the most electrifying moments of their encounter came when Vidal accused arch conservative Buckley of being a Nazi. The latter responded by casting strong aspersions on Mr. Vidal's manhood. Observers stated that the two participants came close to physical violence.

Gore Vidal's latest collection of essays and literary pieces is in many ways an extended reply to Buckley's rather indiscreet charge. Several of the most provocative chapters in Reflections Upon A Sinking Ship deal with the author's attitudes toward homosexuality. There is, for example, "The City and the Pillar After Twenty Years," a look back at an early novel in which Vidal purported to examine for the first time in American literature the suffering of what he terms the "homosexual-ist." In his "Notes on Pornography," the author is quite straightforward in his condemnation of traditional morality. "Our tribal standards are an uneasy combination of Mosaic law and the warrior sense of caste that characterized those savage tribesmen who did indeed engulf the world of cities." From this point Vidal moves on to advocate homosexuality in order to (among other things) solve the population explosion. To buttress his case Vidal trotts out the old reliable examples of the Spartans and even adduces Scripture (II Maccabees 4: 7-15) to seal his case.

But Vidal is not one to be unfair towards more acceptable forms of sexual activity. He has some good words to say for prostitutes: "they practice an art as legitimate as any other, somewhere between that of masseur and psychiatrist. The best are natural healers and, contrary to tribal superstition, they often enjoy their work." Vidal sounds like a man who speaks with the voice of experience!

The best parts of Vidal's book I feel, however, are not those dealing with his own curious sexual proclivities but with his attitudes and reactions to literature and politics. I am thinking particularly of his report of an interview which he had several years ago with M.H. Heikal, the editor of Al Ahram, the Egyptian daily. Heikal has been in the news a great deal these days with his thundering pronouncements about imminent war issuing forth intermittently from Cairo. Vidal really asked him some very penetrating questions about the Arab-Israeli problem and Heikal's responses as reported by Vidal revealed much about the Arabs' gift for rhetoric and self delusion.

I was also amused by an essay on Tarzan, a meditation on public television and of course Vidal's version of the Republican convention in Miami Beach. As might be expected, his acerbic pen zeroes in unmercifully on Regan, Agnew and Nixon, the latter who is described as "the litmus-paper man of American politics."

Check list

SUPERNATION
AT PEACE AND WAR
by Dan Wakefield
Little, Brown and Company
252 pp.

Dan Wakefield must be one of the best journalists around today. The essays in this book deal with the mental and spiritual health of the United States in this age of Viet Nam. His discussions with draft dodgers and deserters in Toronto, his disquisitions on poverty and patriotism, lead the reader to the uneasy conclusion that "Supernation" is morally sick.

PARTNERS
IN STATE-BUILDING
by Jacob A. Rubin
Diplomatic Press 283 pp.

Zionism and Israel Favreau, Pearson emerges without great distinction as a man who refused to back up cabinet colleagues. One of the most interesting parts of the book was the description of the infighting that went on during the plans for Canada's centennial year. Judy is a fighter and I think we haven't seen the last of her.

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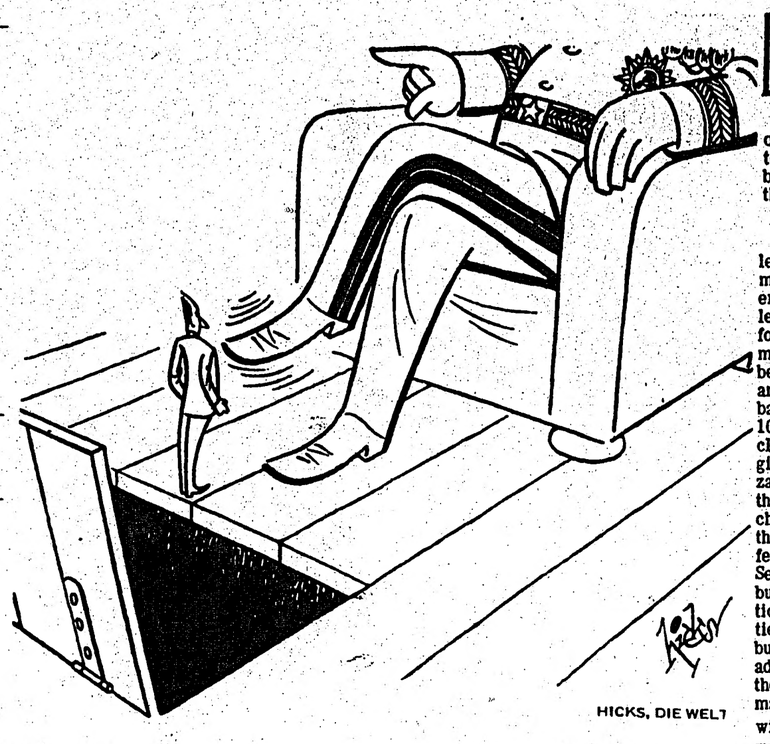

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ASK THE RABBI
JCNS featurette

Q. My husband died without leaving children. I am told that I must marry his brother who is single. Is this true?

A. If a man dies without leaving children his widow must either marry the brother of the deceased (yibbum, levirate marriage) or perform the ceremony of "removing the shoe" (chalitza) before she is free to marry anyone else. These laws are based on Deuteronomy 25, 5-10. From the context it is clear that yibbum was originally preferred to chalitza, but some authorities in the Talmud came to prefer chalitza. In the Middle Ages the Ashkenazi Jews preferred chalitza, while the Sefardi Jews favored yibbum. But subsequently practically all Jewish communities came to frown on yibbum. (A reason frequently advanced for this was that the normal prohibition of a man marrying his brother's widow was set aside by the Torah in this instance, but only if the intention of both parties is for the sake of the mitzvah, of which we cannot be sure.) The answer to your question, then, is that not only are you not obliged to marry your deceased husband's brother but you are not allowed to marry him. If you wish to satisfy the requirements of the traditional law and wish to be married to someone else in an Orthodox synagogue the chalitza ceremony must first be carried out. A Beth Din will advise you how to go about this.

Q. Why do we have to fast if a Scroll of the Law is dropped? To me the practice seems to savor of superstition.

A. The earliest reference to fasting when a Scroll is dropped date from the 17th century, but these apply to the person who drops it, not to the whole congregation. The custom for all who witness it to fast is much later. The reason given for fasting is to atone for the sin of treating a Scroll disrespectfully, albeit this was done unwittingly. I am at a loss to understand why it should in any way savor of superstition if the Book is treated with respect by the people of the Book.

Letters to the Editor

Salute to Golda

Dear Editor:

I think we should publicize the remarkable interview Prime Minister Golda Meir accorded Time Magazine last week. I was especially moved by the following words which, I believe, express eloquently Israel's determination to resist pressure and decide her own future:

"I have reasons to envy Abba Eban as Foreign Minister for many things. But I envy him more for one thing: namely, he will never have to do what I had to do in 1957: to stand before the United Nations and say, 'We will withdraw.' I did it on behalf of the government, but that was not my greatest hour."

What a woman, what a nation, what courage! Salute to Golda Meir!

M. Ben Dov
Toronto

Quebec

THE MAN TO WATCH

Liberal public opinion and the ethnic groups in Quebec will be wise to follow inquisitively the announced negotiations between Créditiste Leader Réal Caouette and the "Christian Nationalist" fringe party of Dr. Tremblay.

Somehow this Christian Nationalist Party of Quebec, which aims to "unite the forces of the right", smells a rat. Let's not be afraid to examine it although the odor is nauseating.

Politics

MONTREAL COMMUNITY

A Montreal Jewish publication, which last year shocked the Jewish community by publishing the now infamous canard that Jews were fleeing Quebec with their capital, has published this time one of the most political attacks against the Union Nationale Government. Although the intention of the editor-in-chief of this publication, who happens to live in New York and is a paid official of an American Jewish organization, may not have been to undermine the confidence of the Jewish community in the present Government of Quebec, it undoubtedly will be used by politicians in this election year.

Many questions are being raised now in connection with this unheard of attack by a full time employee of a New York Jewish organization.

Last year during the notorious Jewish, capital-fleeing-Quebec incident provoked by the same publication, a meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress had decided to call on the carpet privately the owners of the publication and point out their irresponsible attitude by launching such a canard. Now, on the eve of the Canadian Jewish Congress-Eastern Region meeting, the question is raised again whether it publicly will allow the Jewish community to be involved in political campaigns in the Province of Quebec.

Because of their non-political composition, it always has been traditional for Jewish organizations to remain aloof, especially during an election year, from involving the Jewish community in a situation where it would be identified with one political party. We need not stress how dangerous such a position would be.

The issues raised by this employee of the New York Jewish organization, who serves as part time editor-in-chief of the Montreal publication, certainly are important and should be treated accordingly. But the situation in Quebec regarding education is not the result of the attitude of one political party; it rather stems from the archaic school system in this province.

The Canadian Jewish News believes that the solution to the problem lies in a different field. First and foremost, the Jewish community has the right to demand full recognition of its interests in the school system so long as the schools are divided into Protestant and Catholic. We do not have to live with the historic error of being squeezed into the Protestant school system. As pointed out on many an occasion, the solution should be explored in a new area where the Jews speak up as such, not by the grace of a Protestant school board.

We never shall cease repeating that Montreal Jews should not remain a ghetto within the Protestant school ghetto; they should strive to become integrated into the mainstream of French Canada just as Jews have been integrated into the majority culture in every free country of the world.

French Canada, especially Quebec, is fighting the battle for the survival of its distinct culture and traditions. Jews, despite everything said about those who would involve us in a peculiar situation, will not be relegated into an instrument of helping assimilate French Canadians into English culture. Their own history makes them the natural allies of any peoples fighting for their spot under the sun.

The Jewish community in the Province of Quebec is not engaged as such in political solutions. But it has a fair sense of justice and, in the area where the struggle for the cultural renaissance of French Canada takes place, it will be on the side of justice. It certainly will not be manouvered into any political argument among parties now vying for votes of the citizens.

For the first time The Canadian Jewish News is publishing a full JCNS report about Intermarriage, one of the most important problems confronting the Jewish community the world over.

IN CANADA AND ELSEWHERE

Exclusive Report

REPORTS FROM JCNS CORRESPONDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SUGGEST INTERMARRIAGE THREATENS JEWISH EXISTENCE

Although the statistics about intermarriage in Canada go back to 1965, it seems that the tendency for marrying out of faith has been growing steadily.

According to the JCNS investigation, Canada is one of the very few countries in the world where there are statistical data collected by the government concerning marriages between members of diverse religious groups.

According to official government information, the JCNS report shows a continuous increase of intermarriage in this country. For example, from 1960 to 1965 the national average percentage of intermarriage rose from 15.6 percent to 17.8 percent. During the last thirty years, intermarriage rate in the Jewish community has tripled.

It still is going upward, especially in the last three years, according to unofficial information obtained by The Canadian Jewish News.

The lowest figure for intermarriage is in Montreal where there seems to be a smaller percentage of mixed marriages because of the lesser social contact between the French Catholics and the Jewish community. But there, too, at university level the situation is beginning to change.

In Toronto, according to The Canadian Jewish News survey, as well as in the big cities of English-speaking Canada, intermarriage is more prevalent. It is extremely widespread in the smaller communities where there seems to be less opportunity for marriage within one's faith.

Also information divulged to The Canadian Jewish News shows there are more Jewish men marrying out of faith than there are women. This trend seems to be noticeable in the entire free world.

In the United States, where Jewish community life is frequently under survey and assessment, surprisingly little attention has been paid to the problem of out-marriage although Jewish leaders were anxious about it as long ago as the mid-eighteenth century. The results of a survey now in progress will not be known until 1971.

One of the studies most frequently cited is that made by Mr. Stanley Bigman in 1956 in Greater Washington which, in Erich Rosenthal's analysis, gave a rate of 13.1 percent.

But the experts warn against generalizing from these statistics, which apply to an area with an unusually mobile population. The Washington data indicated that, in mixed marriages, 75 percent of the children are brought up as Gentiles.

Out-marriage in Latin America is acknowledged to be on the increase, although the problem has been a live one ever since the first days of Jewish settlement.

The more recent European settlers brought with them a stronger sense of Jewish identification and this is cited in explanation of the estimate, probably optimistic, that out-marriage in Argentina is of the order of 10 percent nationally.

The rate is higher in the 100 provincial communities than in Buenos Aires, where it is put at 5 percent.

In Mexico it is between 5 and 7 percent, in Brazil between 10 and 18 percent.

In Australia, a very tenative survey based on incomplete statistics was published in 1965 by Walter Lippman, who stressed that his data indicated only the minimal extent of out-marriage.

The figures he produced showed that, in 1961, 6.3 percent of Jewish women took a non-Jewish marriage partner and 12.3 percent of Jewish men married a non-Jewess. This compared with a high peak of 17.4 percent and 29.3 percent respectively in 1921.

Lippman, in his report, underlined that Australia was still predominantly a first-generation immigrant community.

In Europe, out-marriage appears to be running at a high rate, although Denmark once "top of the league" with 65 percent, now reports the rate down to between 30 and 35 percent. This is explained by the reactivation of Jewish institutions and communal life, much of it with the help of Claims Conference funds.

Interest in Israel among the young generation is also said to have helped maintain their links with the community.

In Holland, assimilation by out-marriage proceeds apace. Taking only those mixed marriages in 1967 in which the Jewish partner voluntarily declared him or herself to be Jewish, the out-marriage rate was 50 percent. But, since not all Jews identify themselves as such, there is every reason to believe the figure to be higher.

All the major communities are making valiant efforts to provide social facilities which will bring young people together, and attempts have even been made to "import" young people for social occasions from Britain.

France, now the largest Jewish community in Western Europe, provides no statistics, but an intelligent guess from the ancient community of Strasbourg, where "everybody knows everyone else," puts the rate at 50 percent.

The guess for Paris is something similar but, in the smaller communities where tradition and religious observance are weak, the figure is put much higher. Bordeaux, for example, is believed to have an out-marriage rate of 80 percent.

Italy is the one country in Europe where a detailed survey has been made, sponsored by the Hebrew University's Institute for Contemporary Jewry. Over the last few years, the rate of mixed marriages has been in the region of 50 percent nationally. Approximately 13 percent of the members of Jewish families registered with Jewish communities are non-Jews.

More than 50 percent and perhaps as many as 80 percent of children born from mixed marriages are brought up as Gentiles. As Dr. Sergio della Pergola observed last year: "This process of assimilation appears by now at a very advanced and scarcely reversible stage, as in other small communities in Western Europe."

All the figures in this world survey assume that no element of conversion to Judaism is involved. What is clear from the reports of "JC" correspondents is that no overall policy exists within Orthodox Jewry regarding conversion. Some, as in Gibraltar, refuse to recognize conversions undergone by local residents in other countries.

Others, as in Greece and Venezuela, are making conversion well-nigh impossible (all four candidates in Athens last year were rejected, only four of 24 in Caracas were accepted), the belief of the rabbis concerned being that, in this way, they have made young Jews aware of the problems involved in "marrying out."

Curiously, in the Soviet Union, where official propaganda proclaims out-marriage as a process which is "drawing the Soviet nation together" and is produced as proof of Jewish assimilation, available statistics indicate that Russian Jews are marrying out far less than Jews in Western Europe.

Field research carried out by two non-Jewish demographers in a suburb of Vilna, based on the returns of the registrars office, gave the percentage of Jewish men taking non-Jewish wives in the period 1960 to 1964 as 35 percent, and the percentage of Jewish women taking non-Jewish husbands as 7 percent.

The high peak in this suburb was reached in the period 1950 to 1954, when 48 percent of Jewish men who married took non-Jewish wives, and 32 percent of Jewish women took non-Jewish husbands.

Private research conducted by a Jewish scholar in Leningrad on a basis which was more speculative than actual, provided an out-marriage rate in Leningrad of between 30 and 40 percent and a similar rate in Moscow. Outside these areas, the rate dropped to about 15 percent.

Elsewhere in Eastern Europe, out-marriage is a topic only for sensible guesswork with the experts agreeing that Roumania, with between 10 and 15 percent, is probably at the bottom of the scale and Yugoslavia, with over 50 percent, at the top.

The rate in other East European countries is believed to lie somewhere between these two, out-marriage becoming more common in those communities from which there has been Jewish emigration in recent years and where, as a consequence, it is more difficult for those who remain to find a Jewish marriage partner.

COMMENT FROM THE CHIEF RABBI OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

With reverence for Jewish tradition becoming a thing of the past and intermarriage no longer regarded with the horror of other times, how can parents hope to influence their children against marrying out?

by Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits

Intermarriage is a complex problem. In it converge some of the most passionate emotions and the most intense concerns: love, religion, human relations, communal loyalty, national survival.

To the Jewish people, already attenuated by an abnormally low birth-rate, intermarriage also represents a major front in the bitter struggle of the committed against the powerful alliance of deliberate rebellion and carefree indifference.

Perhaps the time has come when one can no longer even be too harsh in condemning the young Jew who pursues his imagined happiness outside the pale of a faith he does not love and of a community he does not respect.

But can we really blame him if, left ill-equipped and defenceless through our neglect, he is tempted to surrender to overwhelming odds in a lonely and crucial moment of decision? Have parents any right to be shocked by the defiance of their son when their own regard for Jewish observances is not much greater than that of the Gentile girl with whom he wants to share his life?

By now virtually all the classic defences against intermarriage have collapsed. The first line of defence -- reverence for the traditions of the past and for the feelings of one's elders -- has crumbled long ago. Also largely in ruins is the second line: the deterrent of the horror evoked by intermarriage.

Ninety-five percent of our youngsters receive no more than some crumbs of ignorance at Hebrew classes. They are thus left stunted in their Jewish growth with infantile rudiments of Jewish knowledge before they can even begin to appreciate the meaning or reverance of any Jewish teachings.

Is it then surprising if, after years of Jewish alienation and secularist indoctrination, their love of Judaism is inadequate to overcome the love of, or for, some attractive girl they chance to meet?

The only truly effective answer to the problem lies, obviously, in generating an intense attachment to Judaism through vastly improved Jewish education, especially in the formative post-barmitzvah age of adolescence. No Jewish boy or girl can be reasonably safe against the enticements of defection unless their comprehension of Judaism is at least as developed as their understanding of arts, science and other secular disciplines. Herein lies the supreme importance of the new communal concern with the revitalization of Jewish education now happily beginning to gather momentum.

Urgent efforts should also be made, particularly for pupils not attending Jewish secondary schools, to encourage every Jewish boy and girl to spend at least one complete year on higher Jewish studies, preferably in Israel, after finishing school.

Next, it must be remembered that countless young people are religiously adrift because they feel disillusioned with the Jewish community and the image of its religious institutions.

The establishment of adequate youth centres will mitigate our problem not only by providing congenial meeting places for our sons and daughters, but also by giving the image of our community a much-needed face-lift in their eyes.

Similarly, the proposal to invite young people under 30 to constitute a percentage of all our boards and committees administering the affairs of our community, as I have consistently urged, should gradually help to give our rising generation a sense of partnership.

For those young people who, despite or in the absence of a healthy Jewish upbringing, find themselves attracted to marriages outside the faith, competent and sympathetic counselling must by made available in an eleventh-hour effort to come to their rescue.

Already much valuable work in this sphere is being done by many ministers and the Jewish Marriage Education Council. These facilities should be greatly expanded and improved.

Following consultations with the Beth Din and discussions with my "Cabinet" I am considering setting up a ministerial panel, to be specially trained, to counsel young people seeking advice, including the sponsors of applicants for conversion to Judaism based on marriage considerations.

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This week Toronto welcomes Dr. Meir, Director of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, one of Israel's most important medical institutions.

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Dr. Meir is a worthy successor of the unforgotten former directors of Shaare Zedek, the late Dr. Wallach and the late Dr. Schlesinger, whose names still are mentioned with awe and reverence among Jerusalemites.

Dr. Meir comes to us on a mission for this outstanding institution which deserves support from all those who care for all those need care.

KEEP SMILING

FAMILIAR

"Your new little brother just has arrived, Sheldon."

"Where'd he come from, Daddy?"

"From a faraway country."

"Another damned alien."

COMEBACK

The little old lady bent over the carriage. "Ooh, you sweet little thing, I could eat you."

"The heck you could! You haven't any teeth."

SHOW HIM

Kindergarten Teacher: "Let's all draw with our crayons what we'd like to be when we grow up."

At the end of thirty minutes every child handed in a paper except little Marvin.

"Why, Marvin," teacher said, "isn't there anything you want to be when you grow up?"

"Sure, teacher," replied Marvin, "I want to be married, but I don't know how to draw it."

BONING UP

"Why does your grandmother read the Bible so much?"

"I think she's cramming for her finals."

SHORT SHORT STORY

A young reporter, told to cut down the size of his news stories, wrote his next as follows:

"Rodney Renster looked up the shaft at the Royal Hotel this morning to see if the elevator was on its way down. It was. Age 25."

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

SPACE MAN

We are living in an age when the science fiction of yesterday is being realised as the fact of today. Man has already been launched into space and even the most cautious scientists confidently foretell a landing on the moon within a short time.

It is understandable that in all the songs of praise that have been filling newspapers, all the emphasis has been placed on the great inventiveness of the scientist; for this represents one of the greatest achievements of man in his struggle for the mastery over nature and its secrets. It is understandable then that only the scientist is seen; the great all powerful, all conquering, self-sufficient Man. The word "miracle" with its old fashioned concept is never mentioned. Only Man; and here lies evidence of our great human tragedy.

Some years ago, the German theologian, Paul Tillich, popularised the phrase "spiritual capitalism". What he intended to convey by that expression was that attitude of mind by which man thinks that everything he achieves is due entirely to himself. Everything he has, is gotten by his own efforts; and everything he is in the world, is the result of his own exertions. So he pats himself on the back, puffs out his chest and in his inflated arrogance he surveys his little world as though it were his own creation: "My own strength and my own mighty hand have acquired for me all this wealth". This was the warning of Moses long ago when he drew his people's attention to the dangers of feelings of self-sufficiency and self-opinionated arrogance. This too was the warning of the ancient story-teller who told his fable of the little frog that puffed itself out to such dimensions, boasting of its size and blowing itself out further still until it burst itself to death with a horrible bang. This is also the warning of the modern thinker who, at a time when we are on the verge of the most tremendous discoveries in human history, warns us about the folly of spiritual capitalism.

As far as Judaism is concerned, there is every indication that our teachers always welcomed further exploration into the scientific wonders of the universe, and they held that by his inventive genius man can continue the development of life in the world, so that, as the rabbis daringly suggest, he can become a partner with God in the act of Creation. What is the concern of Judaism, however, and indeed the concern of every religious community at this time is that while man is on his way to conquer the physical world he has not yet conquered himself. Science has made us masters of the material world, but in spiritual things we are just dwarfs.

Basically, the problem facing the world is not a problem of science so much as a spiritual problem, in which man must find God in all things. However great be our achievements in the field of scientific discovery man must learn to bow his head in humility, and must learn to turn inward, feeling the presence of God above him as the only sure source of his happiness and inner peace. If it is at all possible to imagine a "Paradise on Earth" it is surely that state of society in which the scientist succeeds in his task in discovering the full facts of God's universe for the physical benefit of all mankind, while all men discover for themselves the profound and lasting blessedness from finding God and following Him in all their ways.

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WILL BE HONORED BY MONTREAL COMMUNITY.- Abraham Shurem, Labor Zionist leader, who will be the honoree of a testimonial dinner this coming Sunday evening, June 1st, at Montreal's Ritz Carlton Hotel. Dinner chairman is Bernard M. Bloomfield. The affair is sponsored by the Canadian Amal Scholarship Committee.

MONTREAL NOTES

FAREWELL RECEPTION

On Wednesday evening, May 21st, Montreal Jewry bade farewell at a reception to all those families who leave for Israel on Aliyah this summer. Among them are: Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neuer and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sculnick and family; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wigdor and family; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Zunenshine and family; eight B'nai Akiva youths who will be on Hachshara; fifteen students who will attend Bar Ilan University.

Also the following: Rabbis Mendell Lewittes, David Roth, Karpol Bender and their respective families; Mrs. Jennie Lottner.

The affair was under the patronage of Col. D. Sinai, Consul-General of Israel in Montreal.

Speakers included: Joel Sternthal, president, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi of Canada; Hyman Bessin, national executive chairman; Rabbi S. Zambrosky, world executive chairman; Rabbi Mendell Lewittes; Rabbi David Roth; Rabbi Karpol Bender; Mrs. Wiesenthal of Hadassah; Mrs. Lieff, Mizrachi Women; Mr. Aviezer of the Jewish Agency; Consul Shanon.

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HONORED

At a dinner recently, Philip F. Vineberg, Q.C., the first Jew to be elected to the post of Batonnier, received an honorary degree conferred upon him by Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky, honorary president, Bar Ilan, and vice chairman of the Global Board of Trustees with Allan Bronfman, the Hon. Mr. Justice Harry Batshaw, Nathan Steinberg and Monroe Abbey, Q.C., assisting in the ceremony.

The Hon. Senator Lazarus Phillips was dinner chairman; Irving Eklove is president of the Montreal Chapter, Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Recently Boris Levine was elected president of the Allied Jewish Community Services, succeeding Gordon Brown.

TAG DAY

Pythian Sisters' annual Tag Day will be held this coming Thursday, June 5th. Mrs. H. Wexler is chairman. Proceeds to Forward House.

Forward House, which Pythian Sisters support, is a social and recreational rehabilitation center for persons who have been treated for some form of mental illness. In a homelike atmosphere and under professional supervision, the member gradually is reestablishing and regaining his former social contacts in a setting geared to his special needs.

Forward House is in its 13th year. The day program has made it possible for members to take part or fulltime employment and for many to realize their full potential and not continue to be a constant drain on the community.

Courtesy of LA PRESSE

WHO IS SHE? -Ania Francos, French Jewish University student, who was the star of the show at the congress of Al Fatah sympathizers in Montreal last week. She denounced "Zionists".

WHO IS ANIA FRANCOS?

Since last week, Montrealers, Jews and non-Jews, are wondering about Ania Francos who, according to the French Canadian press, is a Jewish student from Paris and star of the pro-Al Fatah conference held last week in Montreal.

Ania Francos is young and attractive. She was given a standing ovation by the pro-Al Fatah "Palestinians" who gathered upon the initiative of the Canadian Arab Information Office. One of the resolutions imposed by this foreign agency was to publicize an attack against the Jewish community whose members supposedly are disloyal to Canada because they support Israel.

Miss Francos, who was brought here from Paris, is said to be one of the leaders of the new Left in the French universities. She told the Arabs who met to support the movement to destroy the Jewish state:

"The Jewish people does not exist; there is only a group of individuals of a Semitic language."

After this learned introduction, Miss Francos made sure to declare that she is Jewish herself.

She continued, "My father, my mother and all others in my family are Jews. All have been deported during the war, some of them died in Hitler's concentration camps. Some were exterminated as Jews, others as Communists. Please note that there are Jewish Communists. I belong to the intellectual movement of the French Left and for many years I have studied the Israel-Arab conflict.

"Although I am of Jewish origin, I am an atheist and will continue to consider myself a Jew as long as there is a Jewish problem in the world . . . I am fighting the Zionist Jews . . . Zionism is an integral part of the capitalist system . . ."

Miss Franco was brought here by the Arab Information Office which is supported by the Arab embassies. She did not even blink an eyelash when she told her "Arab friends" that "the resistance (of Al Fatah) will result in victory and only then will Israel be de-Zionised." She reproached the Arabs in Canada for not supporting sufficiently the Al Fatah. She also maintained the Arab countries are too moderate. The Fedayeen, she said, do not fight the Jews but Zionism, they fight against capitalism.

This is the new line of Al Fatah and Arab propaganda. It seems that the public relations machine of the Arab governments is in excellent shape in contrast to our own which is handled by amateurs.

Several weeks ago an Arab woman from Jerusalem, an intellectual married to a Dutch Protestant minister, stated at a meeting in Holland:

"The Arabs are misled by their so-called foreign friends. The best friends of the Arabs are the Jews. But it seems that no one pays attention to such facts."

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The Conference is expected to conclude around 4:15 P.M.

Israel's tourist boom continuing

By David Pela

Israel's remarkable tourist boom shows no sign of slackening. In March, no fewer than 37,000 tourists, many of them non-Jewish pilgrims, entered Israel - - a 19 percent increase over last year's record figures. And in the first three months of this year, the number of tourists totalled 71,000--an increase of 8 percent over the same period last year.

The tourist influx was not confined to the big cities; Hotels in the Red Sea resort of Elath and at the Galilee holiday centers of Tiberias and Safed were also fully booked, and kibbutz guest houses in northern Israel were crowded.

Israel's national airline, El Al, has played a big role in this unprecedented tourist influx, bringing large numbers of holidaymakers and pilgrims to Israel from the United States, Britian and other European centers.

The March figures are heartening for Israel which depends on tourism for a large slice of its foreign currency revenue. They show, too, that the Arabs have failed in their campaign to frighten off potential tourists. As I have emphasized many times previously, Israle's tourist belt is well away from the new frontiers and holidaymakers will be unaware of any incident that might occur on the border until they read all about them in their newspapers next morning.

This month, incidentally, is a good time to visit Israel. The weather is good and not yet too hot, in fact ideal for sightseeing. Because of the tourist boom, it is essential to book early even if you are planning a trip to Israel later in the year. Otherwise you may have difficulty in obtaining the accommodation you want.

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* John Weinzweig, noted Canadian composer, will receive an honorary Doctor of Music degree from the bilingual University of Ottawa. Weinzweig, a professor at the University of Toronto, is founder of the Canadian League of Composers.

* Hava Levi, 18, of Haifa was chosen Beauty Queen of Israel for 1969. The five-foot nine-inch beauty queen with green eyes and radiant smile will be inducted into the army on June 3rd.

She was crowned by Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem. Second place went to blonde Tehila Sela, 20, of Tel Aviv; third place, to Orit Peleg of Tel Aviv.

Twenty-six girls participated in the contest.

* Despite opposition by the National Religious Party, the Israeli Cabinet decided that Israel's television will broadcast seven days a week including the Sabbath.

* Marion Heinrich, Miss Germany in 1966, was fined $90 by a court in Duesseldorf for insulting two Antwerp Jewish jewlers. She admitted making "mild" antisemitic remarks.

* Joey Bishop's son Larry, 26, whose mother is Catholic, remains Jewish "because like Dad Larry favors the underdog."

* Lorne Green's baby daughter will please Mommy by admiring the Christmas tree and make Daddy happy by observing Hanukah. When she grows up she'll pick her religion.

* Portrayals of life in Israel after the Six Day War and in Czechoslovakia following World War II brought continued applause at the Cannes Film Festival recently.

Israel's official entry, Siege, directed by Italy's Gilberto Tofano, gave a picture of the tension in the country, wrecked by terrorist threats. It starred Gila Almagor in the role of a young widow who had lost her husband in the Six Day War and was trying to re-adjust to everyday life with her child. Miss Almagor conceived the idea of the film herself.

"Our situation is mostly black and just a little white," said Dahn Ben Amotz, one of the starring actors who also wrote the script.

Asked how she conceived the idea, Miss Almagor said: "I was looking for a good part. My mother was a widow and my father died before I was born. A widow in Israel is a common personality after the Sinai and Six Day Wars. I have no hatred for the Arabs, however."

The film has not been shown in Israel yet.

* A full length combined documentary feature film will be produced on the life of Joseph Trumpeldor by Convenant Communications of Geneva. The company is in the final stages of a film on the life of David Ben Gurion.

The Trumpeldor film's budget will be $1 million. Eric Paice, the screen writer who produced the script for the Ben Gurion picture, currently is researching the project and interviewing surviving associates of the hero of Tel Hai.

A film crew already shot several scenes in Neve-Zedek, the old quarter on the edge of Jaffa. They converted its narrow streets into the Polish township of Plonsk circa 1907, when Theodore Herzl came to Ben Gurion's birthplace on a visit.

Mark explained that they decided to use Neve-Zedek as a substitute since the Polish authorities refused to permit filming in Plonsk itself.

* Maria Schell, the Austrian film star, and Jean Marais, French film actor, will arrive in Tel Aviv shortly for the filming of a Franco-Israel coproduction, La Provocation, which will commence June 1st. The director, Andre Charpat, is doing the production's groundwork.

The story deals with the adventures of a group of French archeology students who visit Israel together with their professor and his wife. Local partners are Israel Film Studios at Herzliya and Giora Godik.

* A Roumanian tourism exhibition was opened last Wednesday at the Beit Hahalutzot in Tel Aviv. The exhibition consists of a colorful display of Roumanian health resort posters, handicrafts, books and informative prospects.

* Anyone who wants a piece of Chagall, poster size, can buy it at the Metropolitan Opera in New York for thirty dollars a copy. The opera company has printed 5,000 posters showing a segment from one of the two large Chagall murals that dominate the lobby of the house at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

IN EXCITING NEW MUSICAL.-Belinda (Diane Nyland) making a desperate attempt to call for help as she struggles with Locky MacCormack (Dean Regan) in the exciting Rape Ballet from Johnny Belinda, at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater, Tuesday, June 3rd, through June 15th. Directed and choreographed by Alan Lund.

A short short story
by Jacob Gewirtz

WAYWARD SONS

There are, according to 'The Jewish Year Book', 450 Jews in the city of Oxford, and the number of Jewish students at the university is put at 500. One would never know it from the ordinary Sabbath attendance at Oxford's only synagogue, a small ramshackle yellow brick building in the working-class section of the city.

Only a handful of the community could be described as observant Orthodox. There is no kosher butcher, although a Gentile butcher provides meat slaughtered under the ritual supervision of the minister at Reading, 27 miles away. Some 40 families avail themselves of this service.

Probably, because it is a university town, a perceptible atmosphere of religious tolerance prevails. The synagogue is unique in that its Constitution permits equal facilities for all Jewish denominations, though the occasions have been rare when Progressives have availed themselves of the right to hold their own services.

But, the overwhelming majority of the Jewish student body could not care less what liturgy is used in religious devotion. Of the 500 students as many as 350 have never made any attempt to affiliate to the University Jewish Society or, for that matter, to identify with any Jewish cause whatsoever. Some 50 undergraduates attend the Friday evening supper but no more than five or six are really religious, and it is difficult to gather a minyan for services.

One young bearded but well groomed undergraduate whom I asked whether the appointment of a Jewish chaplain would have any effect on the mass of Jewish students, replied: "If you want my opinion, the answer is "No". We have strayed too far to return to the fold.

"The lighted candles", he indicated pointing to the head table of the cramped pathetic little room that serves as the society's dining-hall, "means nothing to me. I come here every Saturday because I feel at home with other Jews. Maybe if ten years ago somebody had come along and explained it all to me, things might have been different. My own parents knew they were Jews, but they were ignorant. Now it's too late."

A pretty first-year student who described herself as a "moderate activist' disagreed. Many of the unaffiliated came from Orthodox or at least traditionally Jewish homes, she interposed. Non-affiliation was for them a symbolic rebellion against parental authority. A sympathetic, understanding chaplain could bring them back. It sometimes happened, she added, that Jewish students with a personal problem and no one to turn to, went for advice or assistance to one of the Christian chaplains. This was especially dangerous where the problem involved the possibility of intermarriage.

She welcomed the appointment of Rabbi Leperer. He was easily approachable, and tolerant, though Orthodox, and could do a lot of good.

All of the students I spoke to supported her description of the new chaplain but few shared her optimism. The one serious drawback in the appointment was the fact that Rabbi Leperer, who teaches at Carmel College and who has been going regularly to Oxford to conduct Talmud shiurim (for 4 or 5 students) would lack university status. This was important. The Christian chaplains were for the most part members of the faculty. They were an integrated part of university life and spoke the academic language that students knew and expected from a chaplain.

As to the method of Rabbi Leperer's appointment by the Chaplaincy Board and whether the choice had been their own or dictated from above, the students refused to be drawn. All that was in the past. Yes, there had been some opposition. But now that the appointment was official, there was no room for argument.

The same reluctance to talk about the machinery of appointment was shown by members of the community. The chaplain was for the students. Though the community had no need of a rabbi, they were prepared to give him their full backing. But at least as important as a chaplain, they felt, was the need for a decent Jewish community center to which the students would be drawn for social, if not for religious reasons.

The present facilities for Jewish students in this, one of the world's great educational institutions were a travesty, Mr. George Silver, President of Oxford's Jewish community, told me. He was ashamed, he said, to show tourists around. "Yet the synagogue is the first place they ask to see when they come to Oxford."

The community was not a rich one. It could not be expected, he said, to provide for the many needs of 500 students. The problem was a national one, not local, and with the support of Lord Segal and Lord Cohen of Wolmer the Oxford community was initiating a nation-wide campaign to raise $300,000 to build a modern Jewish center from which all Anglo-Jewry could take pride.

The university dons were less reticent in talking about the method of appointment. They would do all within their power to make Rabbi Leperer's term in office a successful one, but they were bitter about the secrecy in which the chaplain had been chosen.

One don told me that he only learned of the appointment through the report in the 'Jewish Chronicle'. This was no way, he said, to treat the Jewish members of the faculty, many of whom were specially knowledgeable about Judaism and Jewish affairs. Considering that this was the first appointment of its kind in Britain he hoped the lack of tact and good sense in the method of appointment would not create a precedent.

Apart from the Jewish Society of Oxford there is also an Israel Society consisting of the twenty or so Israelis studying at the university and a handful of Jewish sympathizers. Its role is almost purely social in contrast to the infinitely larger Arab Society, which engages in well organized and well financed propaganda and indoctrination programs.

Yet individual members of the Israel Society follow the Arab Society's activities closely, attending all of its open meetings - not to heckle but to put forward the Israeli case frankly and with dignity. At first the Israelis' presence was resented but now their attendance is accepted as inevitable by the Arab students. A real dialogue is in the process of developing.

What disturbs the Israelis more than Arab activism - which they fully understand and appreciate - is the large number of Jewish students,

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Curious document on Israel by CBC

CBC-TV's Document series focused on the troubled state of Israel in an incisive full-hour documentary shown last Sunday, May 25th, at 10 p.m.

Document: Israel was filmed on location by Peter Davis under the direction of producer Don Cumming. Barry Callaghan was host-interviewer.

The film report examined the tragic circumstances surrounding Israel today: the volatile, persistent conflict with neighboring Arab states and the even more critical (to many Israelis) inner conflict between militarism and the scholarly and humanistic Jewish tradition.

"The most profound tragedy is the inner Jewish tragedy," said young Sabra (native-born Israeli) Muki Tsur, "because this situation is in contradiction to all the ideas we had in the past." Tsur was interviewed by Document host Callaghan on a frontier kibbutz.

In Israel today poets and novelists are regarded as prophets, Document discovered. But politicians also responded quickly and sympathetically to the ideas expressed by the writers, producer Cumming learned during the filming.

Most of those interviewed agreed that the conflict between militarism and revered Jewish tradition is tragic. But they saw no way out in the foreseeable future. "We live with it," said poet Chaim Gurl, "as some persons live with a certain illness."

The CBC Document film crew found and filmed many contracts as they ranged from the ancient mountain fortress of Masada by the Dead Sea to the deceptively tranquil resort town of Tiberias, where Israelis relaxed by the Sea of Galilee within range of Arab guns.

Program host Barry Callaghan is professor of English literature at York University and one of several regular hosts on the CBC series, The Public Eye.

Document: Israel was produced and directed by Don Cumming. Photography by Peter Davis, Ronald Piggott film editor. Executive producer of Document was Richard Nielsen. Document preempted The Way It Is.

KITCHEN QUEEN

Tiberias. - Mrs. Aliza Livni, a mother of four from Kibbutz Neot Mordechai, was on Thursday night crowned Kitchen Queen of Galilee. Her prize-winning menu consisted of turkey in apple sauce. Mrs. Wadad Kobti, a mother of six from Nazareth, was runner up with stuffed marrow and vine leaves.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

A SELLOUT

Following directly upon the heels of the successful Fiddler on the Roof is another sellout at O'Keefe Centre: Engelbert Humperdinck, with Mary Hopkin, performing to full houses till tomorrow night.

This is Engelbert Humperdinck's first visit to Toronto, due to a chance engagement on the Palladium TV show which brought him and his recording of Release Me to the public's attention. So successful was his appearance that he was flooded with calls all that night and the following day from people who wanted to book him. Soon his name became a household word.

On the same bill is that cute Welsh blonde, Mary Hopkin, whose recording of Those Were the Days made her an overnight hit.

CHARLOTTETOWN FESTIVAL HERE

The Toronto opening night of the Charlottetown Festival musical, Johnny Belinda, will be sponsored by Toronto's Evangelical School for the Deaf. The show, a hit at the 1968 Charlottetown Festival, begins a two-week run at the Royal Alexandra Theater this Monday, June 3rd.

The opening night fund-raising project will help finance the farm home for deaf children which Rev. Rumball operates in Milton, Ontario, and a summer camp run by the Ontario Mission for the Deaf in Parry Sound.

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Arab terror cannot succeed

THE CHANGED MIDDLE EAST

by Charles Douglas-Home

Military editor of the Times, London

Periodically the Arab-Israel situation is punctuated by attempts to find a military solution to an almost insoluble political problem. Through calculation, miscalculation, the logic of power or simply the logic of despair, fighting breaks out on a scale larger than the regular staccato of frontier incidents to which the world has become accustomed. That staccato is merely a symptom of the unresolved dispute, but the larger outbreaks of violence normally require more explanation.

On any rational assessment of the balance of power in the Middle East, Israel emerges as the dominant power and would seem likely to remain so for the foreseeable future. The daily cycle of terrorism and retaliation, or simply of artillery engagements across Israel's new frontiers, makes no fundamental impression on the military balance between the two sides. What must be considered is the possibility of that balance being altered by a more intense spasm of activity than usual. As these incidents recur, so the intensity of any fighting must itself increase before it is likely to alter the balance.

Geographically speaking, Israel's frontiers are now more secure than at any time in her history. Technically, her armed forces are superior in quality and motivation to those of her possible adversaries. Numerically, with her interior lines of communication, she has now (and always had) the ability to concentrate more force at any particular point against her Arab neighbors than they could muster against her. This point is often overlooked in assessments of the relative military superiority of the two sides, when a paper figure of the total military inventories is held -- wrongly -- to be a sufficient measurement of the real strength of the adversaries.

HOLDING SEIZED TERRITORIES

Whereas before 1967 the question was whether or not Israel could survive an Arab attack -- this gave rise to many exaggerated fears for Israel's safety -- the question now is quite often posed in the reverse. It is: "Has the point been reached when another Israel attack on her Arab neighbors could cause the overthrow of those governments?" Such is the change of roles over the past two years.

But the main point at issue concerning military security around Israel is now not the security of Israel herself, but her ability to hold on to the captured territories at least until withdrawal would be accompanied by some political concession from the Arab world. If that question is answered in favor of Israel being able to retain those territories indefinitely then in theory there would be no point in further discussing the military situation. Instead, the task should be to discover what kind of political concession would be possible from the Arab world to achieve this withdrawal by non-military means.

The difference between that logical conclusion and the present situation arises because the Arab world is not, in its heart, yet convinced that the Israel position in the occupied territories is impregnable. Periodically, the Arabs appear to believe they might be able to dislodge the Israelis by military means. It is in a small way a reflection of the larger Arab approach to Israel over the past 20 years when periodically -- about once every 10 years -- the collective Arab consciousness has come to believe that the Arabs could physically extinguish the problem of Israel much as they had been trying psychologically to push her out of their minds ever since the Israel state was founded.

So the first possibility for at least a temporary disruption of the military status quo could come from a general feeling of despair among the Arab governments and armed forces -- despair and a reluctance to convince themselves that they must accept a permanent inferiority. The second disruption, and possibly a more permanent one, could come from the activities of the Arab guerrillas. Their activities to date do not suggest yet that they have developed the kind of total strategy which would sap Israel determination to remain in her present position, but it is always conceivable that the strategy could change.

It could be that the Arab armies -- or more particularly the Egyptian Army -- might despair of the situation so much that they would renew the fighting against Israel on a large scale, not because they had any hope of winning or of regaining territory, but simply because the barrenness of the situation suggested there was nothing else to do.

Both these possibilities have been recognized recently in the Arab world. The first possibility, of renewed large-scale fighting caused perhaps by an Egyptian attempt to regain some territory east of the Canal, was mentioned in the columns of El Ahram. Moreover, the call to arms came at the same time as King Hussein was delivering his peace proposals in Washington. It is hard to see what could be gained militarily from such a frontal action, but that does not necessarily exclude it happening, and, indeed, a trial attempt seems to have been made at the weekend.

The other unpredictable element in the situation is the Arab guerrilla movement, which may come to operate less and less under the constraints of Arab governments. The guerrillas bombarded Eilat recently from Aqaba, much to the concern of King Hussein, who has been party to a tacit agreement with the Israelis to keep Aqaba and Eilat free from trouble. But from the Palestinians' point of view the less responsibility they feel for carrying out only those operations which are agreeable to Arab governments, the less likely are they to respect the power of Israel retaliation.

A decision by the Arab liberation movement to raise the level of conflict far beyond that which currently obtains could change the overall situation. There is certainly a limit to Israel retaliation. At present that limit is far beyond what Arab governments would find acceptable, which is why the previous Israel retaliations, such as the Beirut raid, have secured temporary cessations in Arab guerrilla activity.

If the Palestinian guerrillas decide they have nothing to lose whatever the scale of Israel retaliation, they could start operating at a much more savage and indiscriminate level than they have so far done. They are only likely to disturb the comparative tranquility of the Israel occupation, however, with techniques of terrorism just as savage as the Vietcong, which would be accompanied by the appropriate casualty figues. But it is doubtful if the Palestinian leadership either possesses now, or could ever sustain, the ruthlessness, the disregard for human life, and the political cohesion which would seem to be a prerequisite for a successful guerrilla campaign in the occupied area.

PARTICIPANTS IN DINNER PROGRAM.-Active in plans for the annual dinner of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, to be held on Tuesday, June 10th, are: (left to right) Wilferd Gordon, Q.C., immediate past president of Associated, who will install the newly elected officers and board; Nathan Silver, chairman of the executive, who will introduce the 1968 graduating class of the Community Hebrew Academy; David E. Newman, Q.C., who will chair the event.

Other prominent guests will be: Dr. Irving Greenberg, Rabbi of Riverdale Jewish Center in New York, who, as guest speaker, will speak on, The Challenge for Education; Joseph Levine, President of Associated, who will deliver the presidential address; Abe Posluns, president, UJWF, who will extend greetings; J. Richard Shiff, Q.C., Rabbi Emanuel Forman; Samuel J. Sable, president of the Academy, who will extend greeting on behalf of officers and board members.

TEL AVIV SATIRE

by Ephraim Kishon

RUSSIANS COMING

"Dear sir, let me be the first one to bring you the glad news on behalf of the Government and its institutions . . ."

"Aliya (Immigration) from Russia?"

"Yes! Within the framework of uniting families, 200 souls a month, as of Thursday afternoon."

"I'm fainting! May I embrace you, sir?"

"Bless you!"

"That's how I always was, sir! I signed all the petitions without looking twice. Let my people go!"

"Are you of Slavic origin, sir?"

"Only a sympathizer. What human material they are! Healthy, big, know how to enjoy their food, their drink, their fun!"

"They are simply wonderful!"

"How they dance, how they sing all day long! Otchi tchornyah! And the main thing! Every family has at least three or four kids!"

"Our future!"

"And they are industrious, sir, they are disciplined, thank God, they grew up under a Communist regime and are used to getting up in the morning and working hard! They are not like our Jews, they are a power! They'll be literally our salvation, I tell you, a great miracle has happened! This ought to change the map of the region, it will cure the economy, restore our morale! One cannot yet visualize the influence of this tremendous event on the course of world history..."

"Three million souls!"

"Marvellous, aren't they?"

"Thank you."

"You are welcome."

"Thank you again."

"Carry on! And best regards to the myriads of immigrants!"

"You may greet them personally."

"Unfortunately my car is being repaired . . ."

"No need to travel. They are coming here."

"Who is coming?"

"The Russians are coming."

"To whom?"

"To you, sir. Naturally, not three millions. Only one family."

"I have no family there."

"That doesn't matter. Every Israel household has to play host in these days to one family from Russia. As a matter of fact, I came to notify you of this, sir."

"Is that the law?"

"For the time being, it's on a voluntary basis . . ."

"So what do you mean, 'notify me'? Ask me!"

"I thought you were so glad, sir . . ."

"Of course, I'm glad! I was all for aliya, even while there was no such thing! You don't have to teach me! My house was always open to the mighty stream of Soviet Jewry! However . . ."

"Oh!"

"Dvora's music."

"I beg your pardon?"

"Let me explain. The only free place in our house is the guest room, but it's just there that we placed the piano. My daughter is getting private lessons twice a week from Mrs. Pressburger who's teaching at the Conservatoire as well. We waited two years before she agreed to take Dvora, now I can't simply throw up everything . . ."

"Couldn't the piano be moved elsewhere?"

"I thought of that myself. But where to? The parlour is practically filled with the long cupboard. Ever tried to move a piano? It's no laughing matter."

"Only temporarily . . ."

"If you had only told me two weeks ago, before Dvora started taking piano lessons, maybe I could have done something for the Russian aliya, but now it's too late. Did you try the neighbors?"

"I did."

"Well?"

"Violin. Trumpet. Double bass."

"Well, that's how it is. As a matter of fact, did I get anything when I came here?"

"A three-room apartment."

"Only two and a half. But your Russians, if I'm not mistaken, are used to different living conditions. They grew up in abject poverty, believe me."

"So nothing doing?"

"I didn't say that! I'm always ready to make sacrifices if that's necessary! Look, I'm paying the absorption levy which the Government is supposed to refund, right? So you know what, I'm ready to forgo that, don't refund it, give it to the Russians!"

"And in the meantime?"

"In the meantime I need quiet in my home. Those people get up early in the morning and make a frightful racket. I know them, they sing and dance all day long, otchi tchornayah, otchi tchornayah, they drive you out of your mind. And besides, each of them has three or four children. They simply are not like the rest of us . . ."

"So what shall we do?"

"That's indeed a problem. Do you pay something for taking them in?"

"No."

"Then I don't know."

"Should we send them back?"

"I'm afraid at this stage . . ."

"It's a pity, isn't it."

"Only temporarily. In a few years' time, I hope, my daughter will complete her piano lessons, or Mrs. Pressburger will be pensioned off . . ."

MOSCOW BLAMES ALL ON JERUSALEM

United Nations, New York-Moscow is "willing to employ all efforts to achieve a political settlement in the Middle East," according to a letter handed to the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, by Russia's U.N. representative, Jacob Malik, on Thursday of last week.

The letter praised U Thant for what it called his "timely" report to the Security Council late last month about the deteriorating situation along the Suez Canal.

It was Israel's fault that the situation was worsening in the area, declared the letter, blaming Israel's "aspiration to impede a peaceful Middle East settlement provided for by the Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967.

"It is known that the Israeli leaders openly declare that the consultations among the Four Powers (Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States) permanent members of the Security Council, on how one can contribute to a political settlement in the area, do not suit them," the letter said.

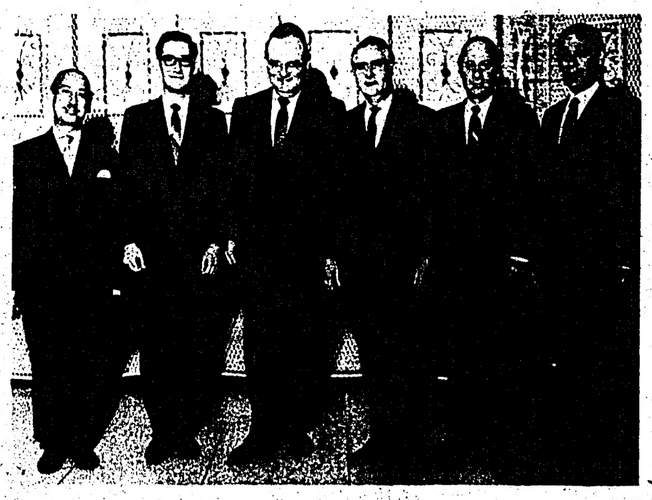
It continued: "The Soviet Union considers that the consultations can be an effective means to put into practice the Security Council resolution."

On the same day Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, continued his discussions on the Middle East with Joseph Sisco, the American Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs.

The two men's talks are being conducted parallel with those in New York on the same subject between the Big-Four U.N. representatives.

Rabbi Meyer Berglas to be installed

TORONTO'S SHAAREI TEFILLAH CONGREGATION CELEBRATES ITS EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY



EXECUTIVE OF TORONTO'S SHAAREI TEFILLAH.-From left to right: Rupert Harris, Parness; Marvin Rosenfield, Treasurer; Harry Mager, Vice-President; Jack Ross, President; Murray Frieberg, 2nd Vice-President Chairman - Ad Journal and Ben Raskin, Secretary.

With its eighteenth birthday, SHAAREI TEFILLAH CONGREGATION completes an eventful adolescence and comes of age. The vision and perseverance of the handful of founding members has born fruit; the congregation has established itself as a significant entity in the Jewish community of Toronto. The years of struggle are receding in memory: days when the congregation gathered in recreation rooms and rented stores to pray; services held in a tent; labor pains that led to the groundbreaking of the permanent site at Neptune and Bathurst back in 1955; the metamorphosis by which the social hall blossomed into the magnificent sanctuary.

In keeping with the development of its physical form the congregation has matured in terms of its membership. The synagogue has become a true community wherein members from various walks of life meet in fellowship. The spirit of brotherhood has led to a steadily increasing membership list having culminated last fall in the merging of the Apter Congregation and that of Shaarei Tefillah. The membership supports an active sisterhood and brotherhood (chaired respectively by Evelyn Sugar and Phil Kirshenbaum). In the council of brotherhoods, Shaarei Tefillah's brotherhood has been involved with those of other Synagogues of Toronto and vicinity and has won their respect. Individual members have distinguished themselves in various facets of community work.

Although the congregation has come of age, accent continues to be on youth. The number of young people - teens and pre-teens - attending services regularly is remarkable and Sabbath afternoon finds the synagogue a veritable beehive of activity. A variety of groups are available for the child's participation: Cubs, Brownies and Girl Guides meet regularly; the largest branch in Toronto of the Bnei Akiva Religious Zionist youth group is a longstanding associate, an affiliation with the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, all functioning under one roof in harmony.

Paralleling the physical and social growth, Shaarei Tefillah has reached spiritual maturity. An Orthodox institution, it has developed under the guidance of first, Rabbi William Herskowitz, then Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig. It is involved in community affairs on the one hand and on the other, emphasis is placed on formal study of our traditional guidebooks.

Upon the occasion of its eighteenth birthday, Shaarei Tefillah has the pleasure of formally installing its new spiritual leader, RABBI MEYER H. BERGLAS.

Rabbi Berglas has brought to Toronto (along with his charming wife and their new baby daughter) a sense of total dedication which, together with a remarkable acumen, has resulted in an impressive array of functioning education programs: three Gemorra classes, one for high school and university students on Monday afternoons; a Sunday morning seminar in Jewish philosophy for university students; classes for the ladies on Wednesday morning; and discussions with teenagers on contemporary problems on Wednesday evening. His total involvement, his erudition, his good humor and his quick wit have, in the short time he has been with the congregation, endeared Rabbi Berglas. Under his guidance Shaarei Tefillah promises to attain even greater heights.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH CONGREGATION
"CHAI" WEEKEND

Friday, June 6th	- Services	7:30 P.M.
	- Oneg Shabbat	9:30 P.M.
Saturday morning	- Gemorah Sheur	8-9:00 A.M.
	- Services Followed by Kiddush	9:00 A.M.
Saturday afternoon	- Gemorah Sheur	7:20 P.M.
	- Mincha & Sholosh Seudot	8:20 P.M.
Sunday morning	- Brotherhood Breakfast	9:30 A.M.
Sunday afternoon	- Youth Folksinging Program	2:30 P.M.
Sunday evening	- Banquet and Formal Installation of Rabbi Meyer Berglas	
	- Cocktails	6:00 P.M.
	- Dinner	7:00 P.M.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH - CHAI CELEBRATION INSTALLATION
RABBI MEYER BERGLAS
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Next weekend, June 6th - 8th Shaarei Tefillah Congregation of Toronto will mark its 18th year of existence with an exciting program of activities highlighted with the formal installation of Rabbi Meyer Berglas.

To begin the memorable event, services on Friday night will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Saturday morning, the sermon will be delivered by Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, former Rabbi of Shaarei Tefillah, now Spiritual Leader of the Adas Yeshurun Synagogue in Kew Gardens, New York.

Sunday afternoon will be dedicated to the youth. Sherwood Goffin, world famous folk singer and guitarist, will perform. His repertoire includes English and Hebrew folk songs as well as Hasidic melodies.

Sherwood Goffin has been acclaimed for his artistry in performances for major organizations and has participated in recording several discs.

The festive weekend will culminate Sunday night at the banquet and formal installation of Rabbi Berglas. Guest speaker at the dinner will be Rabbi F. Schonfeld, Spiritual Leader of Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, Vice President of The Rabbinical Council of America, Past President of Council of Young Israel Rabbis and an outstanding orator.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Shabbat:	8:00 - 9:00 a.m. -	Gemorah Brochos, given by Rabbi Berglas.
	6:50 - 7:20 p.m. -	Co-ed Shiur in Pirkei Avot, given by Rabbi Berglas.
	7:20 - 8:20 p.m. -	Public Lecture in Gemorah Pesochim, given by Rabbi Berglas.
Sunday:	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Seminar in Jewish Philosophy for University Students, given by Rabbi Berglas.
Monday:	4:30 - 5:30 p.m. -	Gemorah Shabbos for High School and University Students, given by Rabbi Berglas.
Tuesday:	7:30 - 8:30 p.m. -	Tanya, given by Rabbi Lipskar.
Wednesday:	10:00 - 11:00 a.m. -	Analysis of Basic Jewish Concepts for the Ladies, given by Rabbi Berglas.
	11:00 - 12:00 noon -	Introduction to Prayer for the Ladies, given by Rabbi Berglas.
	8:30 - 9:15 p.m. -	Discussion on Contemporary Jewish Problems for Teenagers, given by Rabbi Berglas.
Friday:	4:30 - 5:15 p.m. -	Shiur in Hilchos Shabbos for High School Students, given by Rabbi Berglas.

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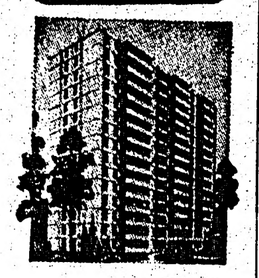

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MASADA

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Pearlman is a vivid narrator and a faithful reporter, not an historian. It consequently would be ungracious to hold against him his occasional small inaccuracies (e.g., Pilate was prefect, not a procurator) or contestable opinions (surely the Temple of Jerusalem was an even more spectacular Herodian building than Masada).

I wish, however, he had been more circumspect in assessing the reliability of the literary sources (the dramatic speech of Eleazar is certainly not a verbatim report but was composed by Josephus).

It also is somewhat misleading to contrast the hero, Ben Ya'ir, with the traitor Josephus. No doubt the latter was not a model of manly virtue, but it might have been mentioned that he devoted the rest of his life to the literary service of Judaism. Nor was he the only Jewish leader to disagree with Zealot policy; Yohanan ben Zakkai, founder of the academy of Yavneh and father of the Jewish restoration, was another.

Yet however more complex the historical reality may actually have been, we certainly can agree with the author when he sees in the Zealots of Masada an exemplification of "the power of the human spirit."

WAYWARD SONS

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for the most part followers of the New Left, who are uninhibitedly anti-Israel.

They sympathized with Israel during the Six-Day War because the State was then threatened by aggressive Arab nationalism. Had Israel lost the war they would probably have protested at least as vehemently as they did against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. But Israel won, which proved to them that she was militaristic. And by occupying the conquered countries it proved, too, that Israel is imperialistic.

The logic is confusing to say the least. But whatever the cause, the spectacle of Jewish students giving aid and comfort to Israel's enemies in these critical times is acutely distressing. "We have always had traitors", one Israeli graduate student observed resignedly. "It is nothing new in Jewish history."

Yet it is a problem that the new Jewish chaplain will not be able to shrug off with a simple truism. New Left or old Orthodox, they are all members of his flock whether they feed quiescently in the pastures of Jewish tradition or stray from the fold in the quest for new answers to age-old questions - and the overwhelming majority have strayed.

BULLETINS

Jerusalem. - An Arab guerrilla force of Al Fatah organization raided a fortified Israeli post last week for the first time since the Six Day War of 1967.

In a brief but fierce battle at the post on the west bank of the Jordan, 12 Arabs and one Israeli soldier were killed, the Israeli army reported.

Arab irregulars have previously struck against Israeli patrols but not against established positions. Commando raids across the Suez Canal have been carried by Egyptian regular forces.

Israeli military officials said that an Arab covering force firing bazookas and mortars crossed the Jordan River with the attacking party.

In addition, regular Jordanian units on the east bank of the river coordinated their fire with those of the Arab irregulars in the assault.

The attacking group was discovered by an Israeli machine gunner who was reported to have opened fire immediately, killing nine of the Arabs.

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ARAB DONATION

Haifa.-Arab members of the Histadrut (Labour Federation) in Nazareth followed the example of their Jewish colleagues and donated their wages for the half-day they worked on May Day, May 1, to the border settlement fund.

Expressing satisfaction at this, the Histadrut secretary-general, Aharon Becker, told a Jewish-Arab rally in the town that there were now 50,000 Arab members of the Histadrut.

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ISRAEL TO INCREASE SCIENTIFIC AID

Jerusalem (JCNS)- Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban, at a recent meeting here to discuss ways and means of increasing Israeli aid to development countries, praised the contribution of Israel's academic institutions in this vital field.

He made special mention of the courses in medicine and agricultural engineering instituted in Jerusalem and Haifa some years ago and stated that owing to the current expansion of institutions of higher education in developing countries there now was an urgent need to train academic teaching staff for them. Hitherto Israel had concentrated chiefly on training manpower at a lower academic level.

The meeting agreed on the necessity of providing scientific aid to developing countries, training more Israeli scientists and teachers to work in them and initiating international meetings of technologists and experts.

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ARABS TERRORIZE ARABS IN GAZA

Tel Aviv (JCNS).- Thirty-five Arabs were wounded, including several Israeli Arabs, in terror acts in the Gaza Strip last Thursday when Arab nationalists and saboteurs tried to disrupt life in the occupied territories in protest against Israel's foundation 21 years ago.

Hand grenades were thrown in streets and refugee camps to terrorize the population into complying with the "order" to cease work and close all shops on what was termed "Palestine Day".

In Gaza most shops respected the orders of the military authorities and remained open. Only five shopkeepers disobeyed and were brought to trial. All were fined.

In the schools of Gaza and vicinity, an estimated 70 percent of the pupils failed to turn up, but only four schools there had to close because no children appeared.

In the West Bank and East Jerusalem the general strike was only partially successful. There were eight arrests. In the morning almost all shops in East Jerusalem were closed, but, later in the day, some of them opened. More shops opened when it was learned that seven agitators had been arrested and police reinforcements made their appearance.

There was tension in Ramallah, where women and girls tried to march to the local cemetery carrying flowers. The woman who led the group was arrested while the others dispersed.

Many of the inhabitants of Ramallah and district dressed in black; several schools remained closed.

In Nablus the strike order was almost totally successful. Shops, offices and schools remained closed. The market area, however, remained quiet. Life was almost normal in Jericho, Bethlehem and Hebron.

Among those arrested in Nablus were the town architect, a lawyer and a doctor who allegedly incited strike action.

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40 TERRORISTS KILLED

Tel Aviv (JCNS).- A total of 37 terrorists were killed and eight captured by Israel's defense forces between April 19th and May 8th during intensified attempts by the Arab saboteur organizations to infiltrate into Israeli territory.

About 18 attempts were frustrated, all near the ceasefire lines, during this period. In addition the saboteur organizations have admitted that three of their men were killed and 15 injured in Jordanian territory.

Weapons captured included 39 rifles, machine and submachine guns, five pistols, four bazookas, 132 grenades and mines. Some 220 lbs. of explosives also were captured.

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NASSER FACED WITH DILEMMA-MRS. MEIR

Rehovot.-Prime Minister Golda Meir said here that President Nasser "is faced with a dilemma -- whether to go to war which he knows he will lose or make peace, which may prove fatal to his career."

Mrs. Meir said last Wednesday night at the Weizmann Institute: "Observers who have met Nasser recently told me the Egyptian leader believes that peace is surely needed but it seems to me as if Nasser is locked in a vicious circle from which he cannot break out."

Mrs. Meir alluded to a recent Time magazine interview with Nasser, saying, "Nasser has come to believe in some of his own propaganda. He has developed a complex of make believe and self deception."

She opened her remarks by saying: "After the Six Day War we thought the Arabs would say 'We have had enough war,' but today no one knows when peace will come."

SOVIET BELIEVED TO BE SHIFTING TOWARD DIRECT MIDEAST TALKS

Washington.- Western diplomats say they have detected signs that the Soviet Union may be preparing to press Arab countries to be more flexibile on the issue of direct talks with Israel as part of a Mideast settlement, the N.Y. Times bureau here reports.

Such negotiations have been a major obstacle to any settlement of the June, 1967, war since Israel's insistence on them has been matched by Arab refusal.

In private contacts with the Western powers, Soviet diplomats are reported to have indicated little sympathy with the Arab position.

In addition, a recent commentary on the Moscow radio by Igor Belyayev, the editor of the Asian and African section of Pravda, the Soviet Communist party newspaper, endorsed the principle of direct talks -- though with some qualifications.

Although the Belyayev commentary was carried May 6th on the Moscow radio's domestic service, American officials noted that the position had not been repeated in international broadcasts. Such a development, officials said, would be regarded as significant pressure on the Arab states.

Moscow has previously avoided public discussion of the concept of direct talks or simply taken the view that it was unrealistic, given the Arab position.

Mr. Belyayev, a Middle East specialist, noted that Israel wanted "what it calls direct negotiations."

"Indeed, if one puts aside the specific circumstances of the crisis, such talks would be preferable," he went on. "It would be ideal if the sides were to sit down together to discuss the issues which exist between them."

But, he added, the Arab states were opposed to talks because "as is correctly pointed out today in Cairo, Amman, Beirut and Damascus, no direct talks are possible while Israel occupies a considerable part of Arab territory."

Some Western specialists interpreted this to mean that the Soviet Union was endorsing direct talks in principle but saying that they could not take place before "considerable" Israeli withdrawal.

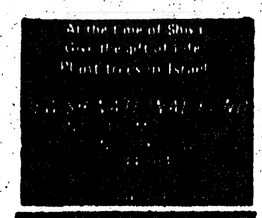
But the specialists noted that the commentary stopped short of actually urging the Arabs to accept direct talks after a partial Israeli withdrawal.

"HAVA NAGILA . . ."

ISRAELI SOLDIERS escort an Arab returned across the Suez Canal last week under a family reunification plan supervised by the Red Cross.

TORONTO OBITUARIES

COHEN, HARRY. On May 24th, late of 2700 Bathurst St.
HURMAN, ISAAC. On May 23rd, late of 11 Shalmar Blvd.
LAMPERT, ABRAHAM. On May 24th, late of Jewish Home for the Aged.
LITMAN, GORDON. On May 21st, late of 100 Lippincott St.
NOBLE, ROSE. On May 19th, late of 569 Sheppard Ave. W.
RITTER, HARRY. On May 20th, late of Mattawa, Ont.
SECEMSKI, LEO. On May 24th, late of 652A Bloor St. West.
WASSERMAN, ANNIE. On May 22nd, late of 11 Wendy Cres.



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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

GENERAL MEET

Eitz Chaim Mothers' Association held a general meeting recently chaired by president, Helen Fishbane. A report was given by the lunch room committee headed by Fagie Schwartz, assisted by Nancy Silver, H. Markovic, F. Kopstick, Mrs. Karmazon. Sylvia Zeifman reported on library card donations.

Nancy Silver presented the slate of officers for the following year: Nancy Silver, past president; Helen Fishbane, president; Frances Kopstick, 1st vice president; Martha Weisberger, 2nd vice president; Mrs. D. Schmerz, financial secretary; Mrs. I. Rubinstein, dues treasurer; Mrs. D. Tward, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. Weinstock, recording secretary; Mrs. P. Schwartz, lunch room; Mrs. B. Kipper, social chairman; Mrs. M. Kuhnreich, social chairman; Clara Green, Pushka fund; Sylvia Zeifman, library cards; Irene Klein, publicity. Board executives: Mesdames Bleeman, Botnick, Bobrowsky, Blum, Felder, Frankel, Glucowsky, Goldwasser, Lewish, Nussbaum, Ochs, Mezelefsky, Rabinowitz, Schwartz, Feldman, Turin, S.K. Weinberg, J.S. Weinberg, Uhrman, Zaks, Burak, Markovic, B. Wurtzburger, Wolfe, Klein, Maierovitz, Brunner, Rosenberg, Karmazon, Gold, Weinstock, Werner, Magder.

The annual raffle was held. Helen Fishbane thanked Hindy Markovic for convening. Refreshments were served.

DINNER AND INSTALLATION

Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood will hold its annual closing dinner and installation of officers on Wednesday, June 4th.

NEW OFFICE

Mrs. Joyce Field of Don Mills was elected president of the Big Brothers of Metro Toronto Women's Auxiliary. She begins her two-year term in September as head of the three-year-old fund-raising group. Others: Mrs. Margaret Callis, vice president; Mrs. Jan Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Fran Korol, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Shortill, secretary.

COMMITTEE MEET

Torath Emeth Sisterhood held a committee meeting recently at the home of Mrs. A. Bleeman to finalize plans for the annual tea. Present were: Mrs. Mollie Blum, president, who presided; Mesdames Jenny Ochs, H. Botnick, Anna Zigelman, Dorothy Cooperberg, Faigie Frankel, Naomi Weinberg, Sela Buksbaum. Tea committee: Mesdames Nancy Silver, Sylvia Zeifman, Sarah Grosz.

The tea, to be held this coming Tuesday afternoon, June 3rd, at the home of Mrs. H. Botnick, will be in the form of a musical coffee party. Hebrew songs will be played and sung by Don Meyers and Shia Kiliminick. Entertainment at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

LEUKEMIA FIGHTERS

The Toronto Leukemia Fighters actually is a United States endeavor, being a branch of the City of Hope, a leukemia hospital in California.

It came into being about thirteen years ago, the women going from hospital to hospital with $3,000 for leukemia research. They finally wound up at the New Mount Sinai Hospital which was very happy to cooperate. Since that time, the Leukemia Fighters have raised over $120,000 for leukemia research.

A workshop recently has been started where the members come up with many useful bits such as paintings, card holders, bookends, book markers which sell for additional funds.

In one afternoon, the Leukemia Fighters collected more than $600 worth of tapes which will go toward the $75,000 worth needed to turn in for a $200 appliance to be used as a gift for their new draw.

SPRING TEA

Recently the Toronto Keltzer Ladies Auxiliary held its spring tea at the home of Mrs. H. Sokolowsky. Chairlady was Mrs. B. Jacobs.

The prize was donated by treasurer Ann Monet.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Don't Push Him

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QUESTION: I am married to a wonderful man. He is a good husband and father. We have a nice home and he makes a fair living.

Recently, he was offered an excellent position in another state. I want him to take it, sell our house and move there. My family lives in that city. It would be wonderful to live near them as my brother has children the same age as ours. We have no relatives here except my in-laws, who are retired. They could also move, if they wanted to.

My husband accepted the position and the future employer is waiting for him until we sell our home.

Since then he changes his mind every other day. As a result, we have been arguing constantly.

Yesterday, a buyer made us an offer for the house. My husband said, "Call up and tell them to forget it." I feel we should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

ANSWER: The new, which requires more than the usual changes, is always a challenge. To some it poses a threat.

Even the successful person goes through these periods of uncertainty as he moves ahead to higher and better positions.

As an only child it is natural for your husband to have some qualms, and perhaps even some guilt, about leaving his parents and moving so far away from them. The suggestion that they move, too, may have been seen as a compromise, where you give in a little to get a lot.

He may have felt that you resented his closeness to his parents and were not as accepting of them as he may have wanted. Too, he may be so conflicted about making the move because, on a deeper level, he wants to grow away and give up his dependency on his parents.

But he feels he is deserting the people who have given him so much and who have no one else to turn to. So, he punishes himself by contemplating the possibility of not taking on the better job.

Also, as he sees it, you want him to take this job because of its geographic location—which would bring you closer to your parents and family. Your husband knows it is good for children to be surrounded by loving relatives, but he may rightfully fear that when you are in the bosom of your family, he will be lost in the crowd.

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When you treat him like a little boy who cannot make up his own mind, he will continue to rebel, and punish you by keeping you in a state of uncertainty. He was offered the job because of his competence and outstanding ability. He knows the facts of the business world better than you do, and knows without your telling him, that it might hurt him to back out now.

In considering rejection of the job at this stage, he is really rejecting your pushing, which projects a poor image of himself.

Unquestionably, it is hard on you to live in this state of betwixt-and-betweenness, not knowing whether you are coming or going. But, for your husband to make up his own mind, the pressuring and questioning must stop.

When he brings up the subject of his own accord you will know he is ready to listen to your ideas, and even be guided by them. After this, whatever he decides to do of his own free will will be right for him, and for his family as well.

Once upon a school

by Ruthie

These days when every kid is busy, more or less, cramming for final exams, you can't help thinking back -- a long, long time ago in another world, so it seems -- when you were in the same predicament. And how you hated to study on such gorgeous days! When Mama said, "Wait, you'll look for these days," we thought she was nuts or something.

What could be worse, we thought, than having to study? Nu, after decades and decades, we know.

And you know what? Between you and me, we had it a whole lot easier.

Take, for instance, history. We thought we had an ocean of facts to memorize. Well, that was before World War II.

So you can imagine the youth of today having to learn by heart dates, names and places concerning Korea, Cuba, China and Japan. The spelling alone gets me dizzy.

But who's going to tell them? Not I (see, I remember at least my grammar).

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On an insignificant wall of my bedroom hangs a large sized photo of me in my public school graduation outfit. And it's a good thing the bouquet of roses I'm holding is almost as wide as the picture. It hides the white middy blouse and skirt I had to make.

As a prowess (I'm writing this on Sunday so the word's permissible) of our achievements, we had to sew our own graduation garb -- by hand. It took two years -- the skirt in grade seven and the blouse in grade eight. And we all used the same pattern -- the largest size so that the fattest kid could fit into it.

Vay, vay, you should have seen how we looked marching in file to the tune of Elgart's Pomp and Circumstance! But now that I look back, no one noticed us from the neck down. It was the smiling faces that caught everybody's eye.

And were we puffed up! To think we actually made that first hurdle. Not to mention Mama and Papa in the audience.

If we didn't cop any medals, so what? Even honorable mention didn't matter much. After the tzurres (troubles) we gave our parents, they were gratified that we graduated. Not that we didn't have kupp (head). But, like Papa used to grumble, "Why don't you use the kupp God gave you?"

So there's the picture of that first milestone hanging in the bedroom. And when I look at the face in the frame and compare it with the one in the mirror -- I wonder could they be the one and same.

In fact, I almost hung the picture in the bathroom, the only place I figured that wasn't so important. But my children began to whimper, "Do we have to look at that whenever we take a shower?" Nu, so I had a brayra (choice)?

But that was the important one. The first of anything always is. My high school picture is around someplace, tucked into its album. I can get it after maybe a couple hours' search.

My college photo? To tell the truth, much to Mama's and Papa's chagrin -- "A little bit of nakhess (joy) you can't give us?" -- I wasn't around for class photos. That day I had, of all things, the mumps. So was it my fault?

Anyway, today with all the MAs and PhDs floating around, who cares about a little old BA?

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Can anybody remember the gym suits of the 'thirties? We wore white middies and red or blue ties. Blue, from grades one through six; red, over. And those bloomers!

Ever hear the word, bloomers? They were full, bulky knee pants of heavy navy blue serge, pin-pleated to a fine art. And the black stockings that were tucked under, with white sneakers! We thought we were the cat's meow.

When the grandparent of the present shorts was introduced, we considered ourselves so daring. The color itself was so brazen -- a deep, kelly green.

From then on, we girls wanted gym every day.

The only thing I regretted was that the high school I attended was an all-girls one. There were no boys around to admire our legs. GOOW

Yes, kiddies, believe it or not, we also had human feelings when we were your age.

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Those were the days, my friends. And come to think of it, they weren't so different from now. The pattern of life goes on the same way.

And even the superficial things like dress repeat. The other day a photo in a New York daily carried a sample of the latest in sportswear -- pleated knickers of long ago in silk.

Shades of nostalgia!

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Hebron's first families in new apartments

by Moshe Ron

Tel Aviv.- The first families in Hebron have moved from their temporary quarters in a military compound into their new apartments near public institutions and a clinic. Those first settlers who arrived two years ago occupied the thirteen newly built flats. They hope the military authorities now will issue permits to other new settlers who can live in the evacuated apartments.

It was the first time, since the return of Jews to Hebron after the Six Day War, that the settlers expressed their satisfaction about the military authorities. For, nearly every week there was an incident reported by the Israeli press concerning their activities and accusations against the latter.

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Along Israeli roads, one can see each Friday evening, Saturday and holiday long lines of soldiers waving for a "tramp". Many private cars stop to give them a lift.

Institutions and large firms send their cars especially out onto the roads to pick up waiting soldiers. This has helped enable those on short leave to reach their destination as quickly as possible.

Now the Ministry of Transport has appealed to Israel's largest interurban bus company, Egged, to transport the soldiers free of charge to their homes; it promised the company a subsidy in order to avoid a rise of fare for civilian passengers. This may provide a full solution to the problem of the many soldiers who wait during heat and rain for a car.

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Students of Jerusalem's Hebrew University wanted to crown their festivities on Students Day with striptease performances. Though all tickets were sold, a day before the University management intervened and informed the students it would not allow such performances in the school. The management was ready to be responsible for all refunds.

However the students were furious. They pointed out that the program was confirmed by the University authorities and canceled at the last moment when Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich, Rector of the University, declared categorically that such presentations would be a contradiction to the cultural and educational values of Hebrew University. Also, some of the students rejected the striptease act by a fashion show in which 150 beautiful girls from the United States will take part.

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Dan Almagor, famous composer, is preparing a festival performance, My Jerusalem, which should be performed in David's Tower in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Police has informed the management of the Israeli Festival that because of security measures it is impossible to hold performances there. A proposal for these performances in the amphitheater on Mount Scopus was turned down as the acoustics were found unsuitable.

Pablo Casals, renowned cellist who will participate in the forthcoming Israel Festival and play the oratorio, The Manger, wanted to perform in the huge Manger Square outside the Church of the Sepulcher in the Old City of Jerusalem. But the police advised him to transfer the concert to Nazareth.

The Ninth Israeli Festival is scheduled to begin July 31st but may be postponed for a month because of the great heat anticipated at that time.

Gives birth to 21st child

Haifa.- "This is a gift from God. I am very happy," 46-year-old Mrs. Aliza Ben Haroush, who last Saturday morning gave birth to her 21st child, a baby girl, said from her bed in the Rambam Hospital's maternity ward. The Haroushes lay claim to Israel's largest family.

They already have 11 boys and nine girls, the eldest aged 28, as well as nine grandchildren, six of them the children of one of her daughters. Still a little weak from the birth, although "I have more or less got used to births by now," Mrs. Ben Haroush, who doesn't have a single grey hair on her head, counted off the names of her children with no difficulty, using her fingers to make sure: Eliahu, Esther, Gavriel, Shlomo, Bloriah, Shula, Ayraham, Yosef, Mazal, Yigal, Miriam, Shimon, Rahel, Michael, Leah, Orah, Rafael, Asher, Yom Tov and Yisrael," she said.

She hadn't yet thought of a name for her baby daughter. "But the children will decide among themselves. They're very happy," she said.

She said that she lives in three Amidar flats, nine rooms in all, in Kiryat Ata. "And like I managed with 20 I'll manage with 21. But of course, three are already married and another three are in the Army, two of them on officers' courses, one in Armor and the other in Ordinance." She also expected no difficulties with baby clothes and equipment.

Her husband, Meir, works as a clerk in the Electric Corporation. Does he pay Income Tax? "Income Tax?" she asked incredulously, "what's that? You stop paying after the sixth child." Ten of her children were born in Morocco before the family immigrated and all but one of the others in the Rambam Hospital. Would she like some more children? "Well, God decides not I. But I think that at my age, 21's enough."

The spirit was infectious, and the young mother in the next bed, who had just given birth to her first child, a boy, said, "Well, I won't want exactly 21, but I think I'll have quite a few now too. Look how well she looks, and happy."

BIBLE CONTEST WINNER AND RUNNER UP.-Jeffrey Cooper, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cooper of Downsview, who won first place in the Ontario Regional Bible Contest, Comprehensive English Division, held recently. As a result he was sent to New York to participate in the National Bible Contest there, when he again won first place which rewards him with a round trip to Israel and the right to participate in the International Youth Bible Contest in Jerusalem next year. Jeffrey is a student at Beth Am Congregational School; Dr. Samuel Rosenblum is principal.

Meir Weiss, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Weiss, and a graduate of the Associated Hebrew Day School, won third place in the Advanced Hebrew Division; he received an Israel Bond.

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RECIPE

Sweet potato pudding

3 large yams
2 cups sugar
2 cups evaporated milk
4 beaten eggs
2 tsps. lemon extract
1 stick melted butter
1 tblsp. cornmeal
3 tblsps. molasses

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Wash, pare and grate yams. Add beaten eggs and butter, then the remaining ingredients. Mix well. Bake in two eight-or nine-inch pie pans or a large baking dish for 45 minutes.

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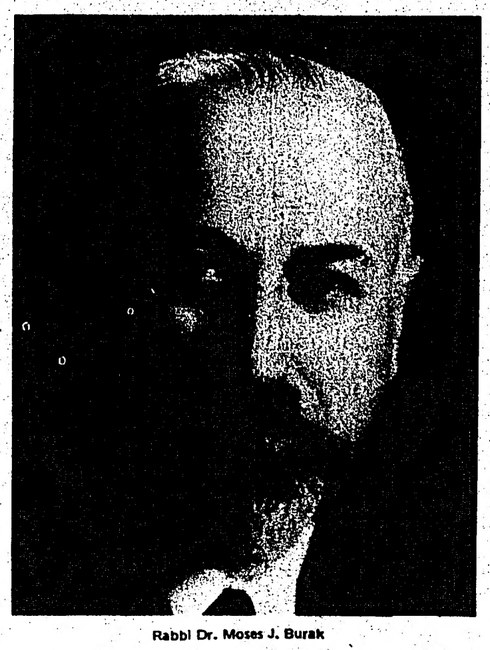
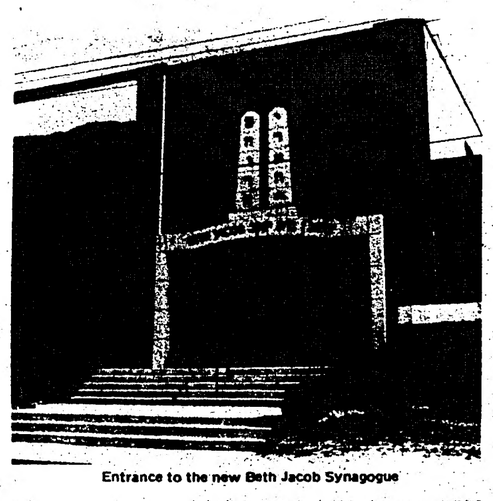
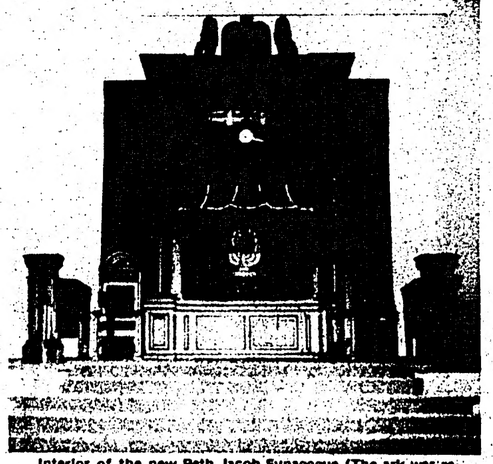


Rabbi Dr. Moses J. Burak

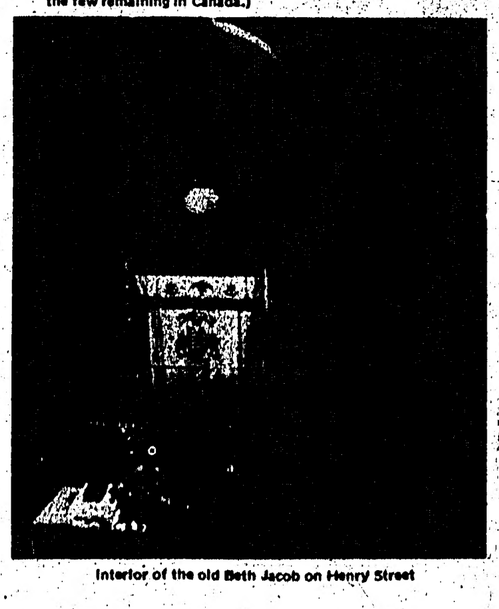
- Friday night May 30th & Saturday May 31st the services will be chanted by the noted recording star, Cantor Teleshevsky of New York.
- Following the Sabbath morning services, the Sisterhood will serve a Kiddush Buffet.
- The teenagers will take over Saturday, at Mincha. Then at 10:30 p.m. they will have music, song & dance.
- Sunday, June 1st, after the morning services, the Brotherhood will serve breakfast.
- Sunday, at 11 a.m., the congregation will escort the Torah Scrolls that were deposited with Louis Waxman during the construction. From there the group will go to Rabbi Burak's house and then to march with song and dance to the Synagogue.
- Sunday, at 2 p.m. we shall have the formal Dedication in the Sanctuary. Guest Speaker: Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, Vice President, Rabbinical Council of America.
- Refreshments will be served following the Dedication Service.
- Dedication Banquet takes place on Sunday, June 8th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Guest Speaker: The Hon. Mr. Justice Abraham H. Lieff.



Entrance to the new Beth Jacob Synagogue



Interior of the new Beth Jacob Synagogue (The ark was removed from the old building and reassembled in the new quarters by the same company who built it 50 years ago. It was modelled on arks over 300 years old, and is to-day one of the few remaining in Canada.)



Interior of the old Beth Jacob on Henry Street

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES

CONCERT

Toronto Council of Hazzanim will present the annual Ezra and Kadima gala concert this coming Wesnesday evening, June 4th. Participating will be: Cantor Jacob Barkin, Holy Blossom Temple; Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum and Adath Israel Choir, Cantor Harold Klein and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Choir; Cantor Ephraim F. Rosenberg and Beth Sholom Choir. Proceeds to Ezra and Kadima, the only Jewish schools for children with learning disabilities in Toronto.

OFFICERS

Board of Governors elected at a recent meeting of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation: Morris Bellack; Lawrence Cherniak; Dr. Arnold Iscove; Alex Jakubovic; Phil Kirshenbaum; Al Mandel; Sam Smilovic; Jack Spodek; Martin Stone; Armin Weiss.

ADDRESSED DINNER MEET

John R. Devor, national co-deputy president of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada and its Central Division chairman, was guest speaker at the Clarkson-Mississauga Rotary Club dinner recently.

DINNER

The Congregational Donor Dinner of Shomrai Shabbath Congregation will take place on Mon., June 16th. Prizes: a 1969 Mustang car; a color TV set.

WILL PARTICIPATE IN GALA CONCERT.-From left to right: Cantor Jacob Barkin of Holy Blossom Temple; Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel Synagogue; Cantor Harold Klein of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda; Cantor Ephraim F. Rosenberg of Beth Sholom.

These prominent Toronto cantors, all well known throughout Europe and North America, will perform—with the Adath Israel Choir, the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Choir and the Beth Sholom Choir—at the third annual Ezra and Kadima Concert, Wednesday evening, June 4th, at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder, Downsview.

Ezra and Kadima Schools, located at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, serve as models for educators from all parts of North America since they were founded in 1961 and 1963 respectively.

Kadima, meaning "forward", is Canada's first Hebrew class for mentally retarded children ranging from ages six to eighteen. Ezra is dedicated to the teaching of Hebrew and religion to children with learning disabilities and the emotionally disturbed.

DEFERRED STATUS FOR JEWISH CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS IGNORED

New York.- Lawyers and the rabbi of John Ruskay, a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative), have demanded an investigation into the draft board at Valley Stream, Long Island, for its refusal to grant Ruskay and other conscientious objectors status "solely because they are Jews."

Ruskay, who could have secured automatic exemption from military service as a ravvinical student, stated he did not want this, but wished to be registered as a conscientious objector and obtain exemption on that ground.

Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, a former president of the New York Board of Rabbis and of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly, is fighting the draft board's decision. He is now head of the Chaplaincy Service of the Jewish Welfare Board.

According to Leonard Jaffee, head of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors in Philadelphia, the case of Ruskay is not exceptional.

Jewish applicants for conscientious objector status (and Roman Catholics and Protestants, too, in a number of cases) are refused it because of religion. Jews are asked: "How can you be a conscientious objector when you are a Jew"?

Jaffee said that Jewish conscientious objectors are automatically placed at the head of the list of those to be called up.

FIRST CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE IN ASHKELON

New York (JCNS).- Ashkelon's Conservative congregation has won its four-year fight to obtain a site on which to build a synagogue.

The congregation was founded in 1965 by Rabbi Moshe Cohen, a member of the Rabbinical Assembly and trained social worker, who emigrated to Israel and obtained a post as a social worker in Ashkelon.

He acted as the unpaid minister of the congregation until 1967 when the Rabbinical Assembly appointed Rabbi Philip Spector in his place.

Rabbi Spector's salary and travel expenses were paid by the Assembly's Klal Yisrael fund, the World Council of Synagogues and private sources.

Like Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Spector went to Israel as an immigrant. He had been previously an assistant minister in Springfield, Mass.

He carried on the attempts to obtain a building site for the Ashkelon congregation, and the town now has made a site available. Building work will begin soon.

NEW SYNAGOGUE IN GERMANY DEDICATED

Duesseldorf (JCNS).- Herr Georg Diederichs, Minister-President of Lower Saxony, and Asher Ben-Natan, Israeli Ambassador, will attend the dedication in Osnabrueck Sunday, June 1st, of a new synagogue and community center, costing $438,000. They replace the synagogue burned by the Nazis in November 1938.

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